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## In Prefaration

## A CロRPUS ロN THE

## CIINAGE ロF THE ARMENIAN KINGDロM ロF SロPHENE

A project is planned where we would like to prepare corpus on the coinage of the Armenian kingdom of Sophene．

The information needed is the weight，diameter，die axis orientation，and of course a photograph of the coin．

We would like to invite and encourage the museum curators and collectors to par－ ticipate in the study of this paper．

The coins of Sophene are extremely rare and very few．Therefore，it is very important that collectors and museums participate in this project．

In Planning

## A CロRPUS ロN THE ロNE－LIロN CロRロNATIロN TRAMS ロF KING LEVロN I

A project is planned where we would like to prepare a corpus on the one－lion corona－ tion trams of King Levon I（1198－1219）of Cilician Armenia．

The information needed is the weight，diameter，die axis orientation，and of course a photograph of the coin．

We would like to invite and encourage the museum curators and collectors to par－ ticipate in the study of this paper．

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## In Planning

## A CロRPUS ロN THE PRE－CロRロNATIロN TRAMS ロF KING LEVロN II

A project is planned where we would like to prepare a corpus on the pre－coronation trams of King Levon II（1270－1289）of Cilician Armenia．

The information needed is the weight，diameter，die axis orientation，and of course a photograph of the coin．

We would like to invite and encourage the museum curators and collectors to par－ ticipate in the study of this paper．

The pre－coronation trams of Levon II are rare．Therefore，it is very important that collectors and museums participate in this project．

## COMPUTER CRASH

While downloading an attachment，our PC crashed．With the help of AOL＂Technical Service，＂we have been able to restore our AOL connection to the Internet．However，all of the Armenian and foreign fonts have been damaged along with some computer components．The computer is working in a strange manner．We do know how long it will last．Because of the age of our computer，we are facing a dilemma， to have the computer repaired or purchase a new one？

We are requesting from our membership to avoid sending us an attachment．Instead，please send us your article on a CD or $31 / 2$－inch diskette and a hard copy．Your cooperation would be appreciated very much．Thank you．

Y．T．Nercessian We had the above announcement in our December 2010 issue．The same thing happened again．Now our HP computer is disabled．Please do not send us attachment with an email．Send your articles with a CD or $31 / 2$ inch diskette and a hard copy．

## LETTIERS AND E－MAILS TO THIE EDITOR









Thank you for your elucidating and thorough article about the Russian medals dedicated to the con－ quest of Eastern Armenia（I had received the ANJ issue last week，but only had time to read it carefully today）．I learned much from it，as I always do reading your numismatic articles．I am also honored to be included in the large pool of sources you have used in the preparation of your study．．．Vatsche Barsoumian

During the month of April，I exhibited selected items from my collection twice at local numis－ matic conventions．At the South Shore Coin Show（April 8－10）［2010］，my display＂Selected Armenian Mekhitarist Medals＂received a＂First Place＂award，with a composite score of 387 out of 400 points．At the large and extremely competitive Central States Numismatic Society convention（April 28 to May 1） ［2010］，my exhibit＂A Medieval Armenian Coin Hoard＂received＂Third Place＂in the class＂Foreign Coins Prior to 1700 ．＂

My the Armenian Genocide，＂received the gold prize for Best－in－Show at the Milwaukee Numismatic Society a competitive display，＂Armenia＇s Agony：Commemorative Medals of annual show in October， 2010.

L．A．Saryan

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARTAXIADS OF ARMENIA 

## Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)

(Section 9)
No. CAA Metrological Data Source

## Club

No f/l
1 Chalcus

| 1 | --- | $3.45 \mathrm{~g}-17.6 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ Er19878/19 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | --- | $2.64 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ Er $19878 / 20$ |
| Avg. $=$ | $6.09+2=3.05 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $34.6+2=17.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $1 / 12 \mathrm{~h} .1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |

## 1/2 Chalcus

3 --- 1.80g-13.9ø-1h Er20040/1
Avg. $=1.80 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=13.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=7.89 \div 3=2.63 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=48.5 \div 3=16.17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}(3)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.69, Club, no f/l
$\mathrm{f} / 1 \Delta \mathrm{HM}$ or $\Delta \mathrm{H}$

| Chalci |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1 | 114 | $4.65 g-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | HAC132 |
| 2 | 114 | $4.41 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat206 |

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis
$3 \quad 114 \quad 3.88 g-16 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ YNCat208
Avg. $=12.94 \div 3=4.3 \mathrm{lg}$ weight
Avg. $=34 \div 2=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ (3) die axis orientation

1 Chalcus
$4 \quad 115 \quad 2.17 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ YNCat209 Avg. $=2.17 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=13 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=15.11 \div 4=3.78 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=47+3=15.67 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 6 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.70, Club, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{AHM}$ or $\Delta \mathrm{H}$
f/l $\Lambda \Gamma$
1 Chalcus

| 1 | 114 | $3.08 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing$ | CNG51-760 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 114 | 3.08 g | Gorny $122-1514$ |

Tot.Avg. $=6.16 \div 2=3.08 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=14 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 2.71, Club, f/1 $\Lambda \Gamma$

## o/s

2 Chalci
$1 \quad 114 \quad 4.06 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ - $6 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ YNCat207
Avg. $=4.06 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=16 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
$\mathrm{c} / \mathrm{m}$ indistinct stamp behind head
2 Chalci
2 -- $3.07 \mathrm{~g}-17.9 \emptyset-1 \mathrm{~h}$ Er20088/10
Avg. $=3.07 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=17.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=7.13 \div 2=3.57 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=33.9 \div 2=16.95 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}(2)$ die axis
orientation

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 2.72, Club, o/s, c/m

Anchor
No f/l
1 Chalcus
$1 \quad 113 \quad 2.61 \mathrm{~g}-2 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ HAC129
Tot.Avg. $=2.61 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.73, Anchor, no f/l

Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)

Table 2.25, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Club, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 3 | 2.63 g |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Delta \mathrm{HM}$ or $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | 4 | 3.78 g |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Lambda \Gamma$ | 2 | 3.08 g |
| Club, o/s, $\mathrm{c} / \mathrm{m}$ | 2 | 3.57 g |
| Anchor, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$ | 1 | 2.61 g |
| Total | 12 |  |

Table 2.26 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Club, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$ | 3 | 16.17 mm |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Delta \mathrm{HM}$ or $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | 3 | 15.67 mm |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Lambda \Gamma$ | 1 | 14 mm diameter |
| Club, $\mathrm{o} / \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{m}$ | 2 | 16.95 mm |
| Anchor, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$ | --- | --- |
| Total | 9 |  |

Table 2.27, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Tigranes II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Club, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$ | 3 | $1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Delta \mathrm{HM}$ or $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ | 4 | $1 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Club, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Lambda \Gamma$ | --- | --- |
| Club, $\mathrm{o} / \mathrm{s}, \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{m}$ | 2 | $1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Anchor, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 1 | $1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 10 |  |



Chart 2.74 Average weights of Tigranes II copper coins (grams)

## ARMENIAN NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

1 ASBAREZ. Tigranakerti peghumnere haytnaberats en hay-irlantakan mshakoyt'i nmanut'iwnner [The Excavations of Tigranocerta Have Revealed Armeno-Irish Cultural

 The new finds in Tigranocerta, Artsakh are noted. Mention is made that two copper coins have been discovered and that they need to be cleaned to attribute and date them correctly.

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2 ASBAREZ. Vets' hushadramner: Mshakut'ayin gortsichneru anunov [Six

 Armenian.
The Central bank of Armenia has issued commemorative coins to mark the 175 th birthday anniversary of Raffi, 125th birthday anniversary of Vahan Terian, 150th birthday anniversay of Leo, 150 th birthday anniversary of Vardges Sureniants, 75th birthday anniversary of Leonid Engibarian, 1600th birthday anniversary of Movses Khorets 'i.

YTN



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3 BABUMIAN, Sayat. Mijnadarian shrjani hay bzhiskner, Mkhitar Herats'i ew Amirdovlat' Amasiats 'i [Armenan Physicians of Medieval Period, Mkhitar Herats'i and Amirdovlat'

 13,824 , p. 4 , illus.

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARTAXIADS OF ARMENLA 

Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)
(Section 10)

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## Elephant to Right <br> No f/l

## 4 Chalci

## 1

$1178.45 g-22 \varnothing-9 \mathrm{~h}$
Tot.Avg. $=3.45 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.75, Elephant to right, No f/l


Ch. 2.76, Elephant to right, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \mathrm{T}$

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

4 Chalci
$\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{~T}$ and S (Hoizontal)
$1 \quad 123 \quad 6.00 \mathrm{~g}$
CAA123PB
Avg. $=6.00 \mathrm{~g}$ weight

## 2 Chalci

$2 \quad 116 \quad 4.00 \mathrm{~g}$ broken $\quad \mathrm{ACV} 116 \mathrm{CH}$ Avg. $=4.00 \mathrm{~g}$ weight

Tot.Avg. $=10 \div 2=5.00 \mathrm{~g}$ weight

## Elephant to Leftt

f/l A
4 Chalci

| 1 | $124 \quad 6.97 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Avg. $=$ | $=6.97 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |$\quad$ CAA124PB

1 Chalcus
$2 \quad$--- $\quad 3.55 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing$ - $1 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ Kovacs II-6
Avg. $=3.55 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=18 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=10.52 \div 2=5.26 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=18 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.77, Elephant to left

Table 2.28, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | £ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elephant to right, No $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 1 | 3.45 g |
| Elephant to right, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{~T}$ | 2 | 5.00 g |
| Elephant to left | 2 | 5.26 g |
| Total | 5 |  |

Table 2.29 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | £ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elephant to right, No f/1 | 1 | 22 mm |
| Elephant to right, f/l T | $\cdots--$ |  |
| Elephant to left | 1 | --- |
| Total | 2 | 18 mm |

Table 2.30, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Tigranes II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elephant to right, No f/l | 1 | $1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Elephant to right, f/l T | --- | -- |
| Elephant to left | 1 | $1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 2 |  |



Chart 2.78 Average weights of Tigranes II copper coins (grams)

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARTAXIADS OF ARMENIA 

Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)
(Section 11)

No. CAA Metrological Data Source
ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## Horse Prancing

No f/l
1 Chalcus
1 ... 2.46 g SomeUnpub7PB
Avg. $=2.6 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
$1 / 2$ Chalcus
2 --- 1.35g-12.5ø-11h Er19459/2
Avg. $=1.35 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=12.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=3.81 \div 2=1.91 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=12.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.79, Horse prancing, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$
o/s
f/ $\Delta \mathrm{HM}$
2 Chalci
$1 \quad 119 \quad 5.39 g-20 \varnothing-12 h \quad$ YNCat211
Tot.Avg. $=5.39 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=20 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 /=12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 2.80, Horse prancing, o/s

## Horse Grazing

No f/l
1 Chalcus

| 1 | - | 2.32 g | SomeUnpub8PB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 121 | $2.11 \mathrm{~g}-12 \emptyset$ | AC\&B19-36 |
| 3 | 120 | $2.03 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | HM |
| 4 | 120 | 1.97 g | Ariadne 1982 Dec. -155 |
| 5 | 120 | 1.94 g | CNG27-25 |
| Avg. $=10.37 \div 5=2.07 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=25 \div 2=12.50 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |  |  |

## $1 / 2$ Chalcus

| 6 | 121 | $1.80 \mathrm{~g}-11 \emptyset$ | AC\&B20-19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 | 121 | $1.75 \mathrm{~g}-13 \emptyset$ | AC\&B20-18 |
| 8 | 121 | $1.69 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing$ | AC\&B19-37 |
| 9 | 120 | $1.60 \mathrm{~g}-12 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat217 |
| 10 | 120 | $1.59 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat214 |
| 11 | 120 | $1.40 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN108HT |
| 12 | 120 | $1.33 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | HM |
| Avg. $=11.16 \div 7=1.59 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=99 \div 9=7 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orient. |  |  |  |

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Tot.Avg. $=21.53 \div 12=1.79 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=110 \div 9=12.22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(5)$ die axis orient.


Ch. 2.81, Horse grazing, no $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l}$

## f/ $\triangle \mathrm{HMO}$

## 1 Chalcus

| 1 | 121 V | $2.36 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG370 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 120 | $2.25 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat212 |
| 3 | 120 | $2.18 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat213 |
| 4 | 120 | 2.09 g | Gorny160-1651 |
| 5 | 121 v | $2.02 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG369 |
| 6 | 120 | $1.99 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing$ | CNG36-600 |
| 7 | 121 | 1.98 g | MD41Auct.AG |

Avg. $=14.87 \div 7=2.12 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=62 \div 5=12.40 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orientation

## 1/2 Chalcus

| 8 | 120 | $1.86 \mathrm{~g}-14 \emptyset$ | AC\&B18-33 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 9 | 120 | $1.80 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat215 |
| 10 | 121 | $1.78 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing$ | Foss105BM |
| 11 | 121 | $1.75 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing$ | ACV121JG |
| 12 | 121 | $1.72 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~g}$ | CNG $85-28$ |
| 13 | 121 | $1.70 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing$ | SNC1991Dec. -7887 |
| 14 | 121 | $1.17 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing$ | AC\&B20-20 |

Avg. $=11.78 \div 7=1.68 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=94 \div 7=13.43 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12,1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(2)$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=26.65+14=1.90 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=1156+12=13.00 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(6)$ die axis orient.

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 2.82, Horse grazing, f/l $\triangle \mathrm{HMO}$
Rev. $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \mathrm{H}$ or M
1 Chalcus
$\begin{array}{llll}1 & 120 & 1.97 \mathrm{~g} & G o m y 46-356\end{array}$ Avg. $=1.97 \mathrm{~g}$ weight

1/2 Chalcus

| 2 | 120 | $1.89 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat216 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 3 | 120 | $1.76 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing$ | ExYN-LS |
| 4 | 120 | 1.46 g | Gorny142-1658 |

Avg. $=5.11 \div 3=1.70 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=26 \div 2=13 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=7.08 \div 4=1.77 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=26 \div 2=13.00 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.83, Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{H}$ or M

Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)

Table 2.31, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horse prancing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 2 | 1.91 g |
| Horse prancing, o/s | 1 | 5.39 g |
| Horse grazing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 12 | 1.79 g |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \Delta \mathrm{HMO}$ | 14 | 1.92 g |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{H}$ or M | 4 | 1.77 g |
| Total | 33 |  |

Table 2.32 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | A Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horse prancing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 1 | 12.5 mm |
| Horse prancing, o/s | 1 | 20 mm |
| Horse grazing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 9 | 12.22 mm |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{l} \Delta \mathrm{HMO}$ | 12 | 13.00 mm |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{H}$ or M | 2 | 13.00 mm |
| Total | 25 |  |

Table 2.33, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Tigranes II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horse prancing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 1 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Horse prancing, o/s | 1 | $1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Horse grazing, no $\mathrm{f} / 1$ | 5 | $2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \Delta \mathrm{HMO}$ | 6 | $4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Horse grazing, $\mathrm{f} / 1 \mathrm{H}$ or M | 1 | $1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 14 |  |



Chart 2.84, Average weights of Tigranes II copper coins (grams)

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(cont. from p. 6)
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(cont. on p. 14)

## METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARTAXIADS OF ARMENIA

## Tigranes II (95-56 B.C.)

(Section 12)

No. CAA $\begin{aligned} & \text { Metrological Data } \\ & \text { ACV } \\ & \text { wt.-diam.-die axis }\end{aligned}$
Tigranes II-Antiochus I of Commagene

| 4 Chalci |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 126 | 8.96g-22ø-12h | Kovacs II-10 |
| 2 | 126 | 7.88g | 6 |
| 3 | 196 | 7.96g-22ø-11h | CNG82-704 |
| 4 | 126 | $7.79 \mathrm{~g}-210-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat272 |
| 5 | 126 | 7.55 g | CAAl26PB |
| 6 | 126 | $7.38 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat273 |
| 7 | 126 | $7.38 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ | C \& 10 |
| 8 | 126 | 7.26 g | CAA126P |
| 9 | 126 | 7.15 g | CAA126TD |
| 10 | 126 | 7.05g-20ø-12h | NC |
| 11 | 126 | $6.58 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat275 |
| 12 | 126 | 6.52 g | CAA126PB |
| 13 | 126 | 6.51g | MM12- |

Avg. $=95.97+13=7.38$ weight
Avg. $=145 \div 7=20.71 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=5 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}(6)$ die axis orient.

## 2 Chalci

| 14 | 126 | 5.88 g | CAA126PB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 15 | 126 | 5.55 g | CAA126PB |
| 16 | 126 | $5.45 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$ | Babelon6 |
| 17 | 126 | $4.85 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | AC\&B6-9 |
| 18 | 126 | $4.82 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | Kovacs II-9 |
| 19 | 126 | 4.52 g | CAA126TD |
| Avg. $=31.07+6=5.18 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=63+3=21 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |  |  |

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

| 1 Chalcus |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 193 | 3.50g-22ø-3h | CNG82-704 |
| 21 | 127 | 2.95 g | CAA |
| 22 | 127 | 2.93g | CAAl27PB |
| $\text { Avg. }=9.38 \div 3=3.13 \mathrm{~g} \text { weight }$ |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |  |  |
| Tot.Avg. $=136.42 \div 22=6.20 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Tot.Avg $=230 \div 11=20.91 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Tot.Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 5 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}(8)$ |  |  |  |



Ch. 2.85, Tigranes II-Antiochus I

Table 2.34, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | ※ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Tigranes II-Antiochus I | 22 | 6.20 g |
| Total | 22 |  |

Table 2.35 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Tigranes II-Antiochus I | 11 | 20.91 mm |
| Total | 11 |  |

Table 2.36, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Tigranes II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Tigranes II-Antiochus I | 8 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 5 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 8 |  |



Chart 2.86 Average weight of Tigranes II-Antiochus I copper coins (grams)

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(cont. from p. 12)
Russian medals related to Armenia are descried. Lazarian Institute of Eastern Languages, 1815; Capture of Erivani, 1827; award medals "For the Persian War," 1828; award medals "For the Turkish War," 1829; Peace with Persia, 1828; Capture of Erzrum, 1829; Count I. V. Paskvich, 1850; prize medal of Lazarevsky Institute of Eastern Languages; M. Sanasaryan Vocational School, 1890; "Russians to Armenians in the Year of Hardships," 1915; Battle Near Elizavetpol, 1826; Capture of Kars, 1828; the Storm and the Battle Near Akhaltsyh, 1828; Capture of Erivan Fortress, 1829; Absolute defeat of Two Corps of Turkish Army, 1829; and Capture of erzerum, 1829. Legends and metrological data rare published.

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# THE ROSA FORGERIES OF ARMENIAN ARTAXIAD ERA COINS 

By L. A. SARYAN, Ph.D.

Slightly over a century ago, George Francis Hill, then director of the Department of Coins and Medals at the British Museum (and perhaps the most prominent numismatic scholar of his time), wrote a book in which he selected and described the historical significance of one hundred of the most important ancient Greek coins. ${ }^{1}$ A few years later, Hill presented and discussed 109 of the most historically important coins of ancient Rome. ${ }^{2}$ These two books include several coins pertaining to Armenia, two of which are especially noteworthy: the silver tetradrachm of Tigranes the Great (struck during his occupation of Antioch between 83 and 69 B.C.), and the silver denarius of Cleopatra with her lover Marc Antony (struck ca. 34 B.C.), depicting the captured tiara of the martyred Armenian king Artavasdes II. ${ }^{3}$

Both coins have been popular with numismatists for generations. The large tetradrachms of Tigranes, featuring the portrait of a proud king wearing the unique Armenian tiara, have superb eye appeal. The Cleopatra/Antony denarius depicts a miniature Armenian tiara, but perhaps its mystique is to be found in the coupling of one of history's great romantic pairs, popularized four centuries ago by William Shakespeare. Numerous fakes of these two scarce and popular coins have been manufactured by forgers for sale in the numismatic marketplace.

One of these forgers was Peter Rosa. Born in the Bronx, Rosa (1926-1990) was one of the most active and notorious ancient coin forgers of his day. In addition to Greek and Roman coins, he also faked early American colonial and territorial coins. His biography has been documented by noted numismatic writer Wayne Sayles. ${ }^{4}$ Sayles, who knew him personally, illustrates hundreds of false coins made and marketed by Rosa from about 1955 to the late 1980s. In the late 1960s, Rosa's firm reportedly sold 200,000 replicas per year to customers in 47 countries. In 1968, according to Sayles, Rosa had 538 different fakes in his stock. During his lifetime he produced as many as 700 dies, ${ }^{5}$ making him perhaps the most prolific forger ever to have worked in the USA.

Rosa's forgery activities suffered a severe blow when then the US Congress passed the Hobby Protection Act of 1973. This act (see details below) requires that the word COPY be

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prominently stamped on the face of any coin replica or reproduction marketed in the USA. Rosa refused to comply with the law and was thus forced into semi-retirement.

Rosa produced fakes of both the Tigranes tetradrachm ${ }^{6}$ and the Cleopatra/Antony denarius. ${ }^{7}$ Derivative copies of Rosa forgeries have also been made. Two examples offered by a seller in upstate New York, described as "Rosa reproductions" made from Rosa's "original molds," are presented here. Discussion with Mr. Sayles revealed that these were most likely not produced from Rosa's original dies, but rather are probably second or third generation copies-in other words, forgeries of forgeries. Nevertheless, the clear enlarged illustrations offered below should be useful as a guide to protect numismatists.

## Rosa Forgery of Tigranes Silver Tetradrachm



Obverse: Tigranes wearing Armenian tiara ornamented with star between eagles. Reverse: The Tyche of Antioch seated on rock holding palm with river god Orontes swimming at her feet. Greek legend.

The illustrated example is $9.29 \mathrm{~g}, 28.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter, die axis 12 h , silver-plated pewter composition, Saryan forgeries collection. The word COPY is stamped very lightly in tiny letters ( 0.8 mm high and 3.3 mm wide, measured using a precision caliper) on the reverse, below the swimmer. This example has a broad flan, but it is thin and severely underweight compared to genuine silver tetradrachms. The surface of the metal is rather grainy and shows evidence of casting. The design is a close match to the famous Becker tetradrachm forgery, an indication that Rosa used a Becker as his exemplar. The word COPY is also stamped almost imperceptibly on the edge.

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## Rosa Forgery of Cleopatra/Marc Antony Denarius



Obverse: CLEOPATRAE REGINAE REGVM FILIORVM REGVM, Cleopatra and ship's prow.
Reverse: ANTONI ARMENIA DEVICTA, Antony with Armenian tiara behind head.
The example illustrated here is $2.62 \mathrm{~g}, 18.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter, die axis 5 h , silver-plated pewter composition, Saryan forgeries collection. The word COPY is lightly stamped in tiny letters ( 0.8 mm high and 3.3 mm wide measured with a precision caliper) in the field beneath Antony's neck. This forgery is underweight for a Roman denarius ${ }^{8}$ and both surfaces are grainy, showing evidence of casting. The recessed areas have been artificially toned. The word COPY is also stamped almost imperceptibly on the edge.

It should be stressed that these pieces do not comply with detailed provisions of the US Hobby Protection Act of 1973. This act pertains specifically to replicas, reproductions, and copies of numismatic items that are manufactured or imported into the USA. It requires that the word "COPY" in sans-serif capital letters a minimum of 2.0 mm high, 6.0 mm wide, and 0.3 mm deep must appear incused on at least one face of the item. While it is true that these pieces are stamped COPY, the letters are extremely small and certainly do not meet the minimum dimensions called for in the 1973 law. Adding a stamp to the edge does not satisfy the legal requirements. While imported items may be virtually impossible to regulate, there is no excuse for replicas made in the USA, such as the two described here, to violate the reasonable provisions of this law. Numismatists should keep in mind that Rosa forgeries may be encountered with or without the word COPY stamped on them. Several thousand original Rosas exist and these are unlikely to carry any warning or indication that they are false.

It is illegal to manufacture and sell replicas in the USA that are not in compliance with this act. This goes both for the original forgeries and for the more recent copies supposedly made from Rosa's molds. Sayles contends that Rosa had good intentions, ${ }^{9}$ but these cannot justify Rosa's criminal actions or exonerate him from the charge of forgery.

In my opinion, the widespread proliferation of forged ancient coins, which has increased especially in recent decades, is now so great that it threatens the integrity of numismatics for scholar and amateur alike. The Armenian fakes described in this paper clearly do not meet the detailed requirements of the Hobby Protection Act. They should be regarded as forgeries and avoided by serious numismatists.

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## FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

In 1971, when the Society was organized as "Armenian Coin Club," none of the founding members thought it would last forty years. No one even thought it would become an international organization, having its Journal, and publish fifteen monographs in the Special Publication series.

Many of the Armenian numismatists who published scholarly works during the past two decades have departed from this world. The list is very long (Paul Z. Bedoukian, Khatchadour A. Mousheghian, Asbed Donabedian, Henry V. Sarkissian, Mesrob Abgarians, Berj Sabbaghian, Nicholas Jamgochian, Paul Carnig, Fr. Sahak Ddjemdjemian, and some others). But the new younger numismatists who have replaced them are very few. We need many and much more numismatists to carry the torch forward and write articles on ancient, medieval and modern Armenian coins, describe Armenian medals which have been accumulated by many of our members, and - not to be left out - the bank notes of the first, second, and third Armenian republics.
No one expects to see a beginner numismatist become a scholar like Fr. Clement Sibilian or Dr. Paul Z. Bedoukian. But what would happen to the Armenian Numismatic Journal if new and young numismatists do not step forward, start performing research and publish the results of their conclusion?
The Society is 40 years old, and in 2011 the Journal is publishing a thirty-seventh volume. Where do we go from here?

In my opinion, every member should think about this subject very seriously, examine his collection, and consider writing an essay on unpublished Armenian coins, medals, and banknotes of Armenian republics.

It is up to our membership if our Journal should continue to be published with interesting and unpublished material. I know that many of our members have unique material in their collections worthy of study and publishing. I am hopeful that we shall see a bright future for our Journal.
Y. T. Nercessian

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## Letters

## LETTERS AND E-MANILS TO THEE EDITOR

One of your more engaged Armenian Numismatic Society members suggested to me that it would be nice to make available in the Journal the interview I did with Dr. Bedoukian in 1988, That was published in WCN. If you have any interest I can prepare the article for you in MS Word format. Alternatively, you can print it just as it originally appeared. Please let me know, at your leisure, what you think.
A. Saryan

Editor's response: No one of our members asked me to reprint your interview of 1988. Already it has been printed a few times in different publications. Whoever asked you can be accommodated if you provide him a photocopy.

I first was introduced to Armenian coins back in 1968 by Leon Moorer in Atlanta. I was in school at the University of Georgia at the time and met Leon in the Georgia State Numismatic Society. I went on to other ancient worldwide collecting interest but I still have those Armenian coins from long ago. Thanks for the donation and extra book. Happy Holidays. I received the box of books.

Ora Eads




Ruben Vardanyan
Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas to you and your family. Enclosed find check for $\$ 45$ for the 2011 dues.

Stephen Dulgarian, \#27
I respectfully resign from the Armenian Numismatic Society as \#276 this date. Thank you for the past information.

Geo. Baker
I have attached my order form for your review as to stock available plus my calculation of shipping. If you agree, please let me know and ... Please let me know how you would like to proceed. On a personal note I would like to offer my thanks and gratitude for the profound and meaningful contributions that you and Mr. Bedoukian have so generously offered to the field of numismatic study. It is an honor to receive these books from you, and in particular the author's copies, which will be especially carefully cared for. Thank you.

Wayne K. Schroll

## ARMENIAN NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

12 BALDWIN. A. H. Coins of the Crusades. London: A. H. Bandwin \& Sons Ltd., June 2002, Catalogue No. 4, lot Nos. 25-31, illus.
Catalogued coins benlong to the following kings of Cilician Armenia: Levon I (1199-1226), Armenianinscribed billon denier and silver trams; Hetoum I (1226-1270), bilingual trams of Hetoum-Kaikhusrew (1236-1246), a tram of Hetoum-Zabel; Levon V (1374-1375), billon denier.

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## Artavasdes II (56-34 B.C.)

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Artavasdes II (56-34 B.C.)
King's Figure or Nike Holding a Spear 4 Chalci

| 1 | 134 | $8.98 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ | CAA134BN |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 134 | 6.64 g | CAA134GM |
| 3 | 133 | 6.20 g | CAA133JG |
| Avg. $=$ | $21.82 \div 3=7.27 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | 20 mm diameter |  |  |

2 Chalci
$4 \quad 133 \quad 5.20 \mathrm{~g}$
Avg. $=5.20 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=27.02 \div 4=6.76 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=20 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter


Ch. 3.1, King or Nike holding spear
o/s
4 Chalci

| 1 | $125 \quad 6.32 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$ | ACV125JG |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Avg. $=6.32 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | 21 mm diameter |  |
| 2 Chalci |  |  |
| 2 | $134 \quad 5.74 \mathrm{~g}$ | CAA134PB |

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## 2 Chalci

| 17 | 127 | $4.98 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat225 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 18 | 132 | $4.93 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Kovacs I-5 |
| 19 | 132 | $4.77 \mathrm{~g}-17.6 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Artil4.45AA |
| 20 | 132 | $4.59 \mathrm{~g}-16.4 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19793/1 |
| 21 | 129 | $4.54 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG $82-686$ |
| 22 | 132 | 4.26 g | SomeUnpub12PB |
| 23 | 127 | $4.12 \mathrm{~g}-16.9 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19992 $/ 72$ |
| Avg. $=32.19 \div 7=4.60 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=102.9 \div 6=17.15 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=5 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(6)$ die axis <br> orientation |  |  |  |

l Chalcus
$24 \quad 132 \quad 3.88 g-19.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ Artir 4.51 AA
$251323.28 \mathrm{~g}-18.3 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ Artil 433 AA
$26132 \quad 3.24 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ ER19585/30
$27 \quad 132 \quad 3.12 \mathrm{~g}-18.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ Artili.51AA
Avg. $=13.52 \div 4=3.38 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=75.3 \div 4=18.83 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orient.
Tot.Avg. $=146.50 \div 27=5.43 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=382.0 \div 21=18.19 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=4 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 10 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(16)$ die
axis orientation


Ch. 3.3, Nike holding crown, walking
o/s
4 Chalci
$1 \quad$--- $\quad 15.84 \mathrm{~g} \quad$ Gorny 186-1471

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

| 2 | 127 | $9.12 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ o/ | /s-c/m122DM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 127 | 8.81g-22ø-1h CNG $27-29,85-31$ |  |
|  |  |  | CNG85-31 |
| 4 | 127 | 8.57g-22ø-12h | Kovacs 1-4 |
| 5 | 132 | $8.55 \mathrm{~g}-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | HACII33 |
| 6 | 127 | $8.28 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ o | o/s-c/m124YN |
| 7 | 132 | 8.18 g Ariadne | 1982Sept. 123 |
| 8 | 127 | $8.16 \mathrm{~g}-230$ o | 0/s-c/m118LS |
| 9 | 127 | 8.08g | Gorny46-355 |
| 10 | 127 | $7.72 \mathrm{~g}-21.8 ø-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | h ER19459/4 |
| 11 | 127 | $7.71 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat221 |
| 12 | 127 | $7.55 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing$ o | o/s-c/m123VA |
| 13 | 127 | $7.55 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h} \mathrm{~A}$ | AC\&B17B-344 |
| 14 | 127 | $7.23 \mathrm{~g}-22 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG82-687 |
| 15 | 130 | $6.86 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat228 |
| 16 | 127 | $6.86 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$ o/ | o/s-c/m125MA |
| 17 | 127 | $6.70 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | AC\&B21-11 |
| 18 | 132-4 | $6.60 \mathrm{~g}-20.50-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN108MaB |
| 19 | 132 | $6.56 \mathrm{~g}-19 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | HM |
| 20 | 127 | $6.44 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG383 |
| 21 | 127 | $6.38 \mathrm{~g}-21.2 ø-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | h Artil 4.15 AA |
| 22 | 127 | $6.16 \mathrm{~g}-210$ | CNG60-1014 |
| 23 | 127 | $6.14 \mathrm{~g}-200$ | AC\&B19-43 |
| 24 | 127 | $6.09 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | CNG36-612 |
| 5 | 127 | $6.02 \mathrm{~g}-21 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG386 |

Avg. $=192.16 \div 25=7.69 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=455.5+21=21.69 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 6 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ (13) die axis orientation

## 2 Chalci

| 26 | 127 | $5.90 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG387 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 27 | 127 | $5.87 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ | CNG36-611 |
| 28 | 127 | $5.84 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | ArtiI4.22AA |
| 29 | 127 | $5.81 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat222 |
| 30 | $132-4$ | $5.80 \mathrm{~g}-19.5 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN109HT |
| 31 | 127 | $5.73 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | o/s-c/m116LS |
| 32 | 127 | $5.61 \mathrm{~g}-21.6 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER17620/8 |
| 33 | $132-4$ | $5.50 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN110MaB |
| 34 | 127 | $5.49 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | AC\&B19-44 |
| 35 | 127 | $5.46 \mathrm{~g}-21.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19031/18 |
| 36 | 132 | $5.43 g-23.6 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | ArtII4.36AA |
| 37 | 127 | $5.35 g-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat224 |
| 38 | 127 | $5.28 g-22 \varnothing$ | AC\&B17-55 |
| 39 | --- | $5.17 \mathrm{~g}-22.8 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19911/3 |

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## 2 Chalci

| 40 | 127 | $5.10 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ | o/s-c/m127YN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 41 | 127 | $5.09 \mathrm{~g}-22.1 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ArtII.41AA |
| 42 | $132-4$ | $4.90 \mathrm{~g}-19.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN111HT |
| 43 | 127 | $4.86 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ | o/s-c/m129BN |
| 44 | 132 | $4.86 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | CAA132PB |
| 45 | 127 | $4.72 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG384 |
| 46 | 135 | $4.68 \mathrm{~g}-18.6 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19517/2 |
| 47 | 132 | $4.60 \mathrm{~g}-21.8 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ArtI4.46HM |
| 48 | 127 | $4.39 \mathrm{~g}-22.5 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | Artil4.48AA |
| 49 | 132 | $4.33 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ | EJ43 |
| 50 | 127 | $4.26 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | TG385 |
| 51 | 127 | $4.03 g-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat226 |
| 52 | 127 | $4.03 g-19 \varnothing$ | CNG36-610 |

Avg. $=138.09 \div 27=5.11 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=559.5 \div 27=20.72 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 12 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 4 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(18)$ die axis orientation

## 1 Chalcus

$53 \quad 128 \quad 3.71 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ YNCat227
54 132-4 2.20g-20ø-12h JN112HT
Avg. $=5.91 \div 2=2.96 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=37 \div 2=18.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 12$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=336.16+54=6.23 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=1052 \div 50=21.04 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=2 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 4 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 20 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 7 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$
(33) die axis orientation


Ch. 3.4, Nike holding crown, walking, o/s

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Cypress Tree
4 Chalci

| 1 | 135 | $6.99 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | Artili3.2AA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 135 | $6.98 \mathrm{~g}-22.8 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | Artil3.3AA |
| 3 | 135 | 6.97 g | Artili.4MZ |
| 4 | 135 | 6.81 g | AD191 |

Avg. $=27.75 \div 4=6.94 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=44.8 \div 2=22.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}(2)$ die axis orient.

## 2 Chalci

| 5 | 135 | 4.66 g | NJ458 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| 6 | 135 | $4.34 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ | CNG46-690 |
| 7 | 132 | $4.20 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat230 |
| 8 | 135 | $4.13 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG85-32 |
| Avg. $=17.33 \div 4=4.33 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=51 \div 3=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(2)$ die axis orient. |  |  |

## 1 Chalcus

| 9 | 135 | $3.70 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ | ArtII3.18AA |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 10 | 132 | $2.76 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h}$ | ArtII 1.1 AA |
| Avg. $=$ | $6.46 \div 2=3.23 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $30 \div 2=15 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |  |

Tot.Avg. $=51.54 \div 10=5.15 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=125.8 \div 7=17.97 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Tot.Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ (5) die axis orientation


Ch. 3.5, Cypress tree

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis
o/s
4 Chalci

| 1 | 132 | $8.17 g-24 \varnothing$ | CNG36-614 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 2 | 132 | $6.87 g-22 \emptyset$ | CNG36-613 |
| 3 | 132 | $6.76 g-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat229 |
| 4 | 135 | $6.46 g-21 \varnothing$ | CNG46-691 |
| Avg. $=28.26 \div 4=7.07 g$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=86 \div 4=21.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orient. |  |  |  |

## 2 Chalci

| 5 | 132 | $5.79 \mathrm{~g}-19 \emptyset$ | CNG36-616 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 6 | 135 | $5.60 \mathrm{~g}-20.5 \emptyset-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | JN113HT |
| 7 | 135 | $5.56 \mathrm{~g}-22 \emptyset$ | CAA135PB |
| 8 | 135 | $5.42 \mathrm{~g}-22.6 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ER19459/3 |
| 9 | 132 | $5.40 \mathrm{~g}-20 \emptyset$ | o/s-c/m134LS |
| 10 | 132 | $4.31 \mathrm{~g}-18 \emptyset$ | MA34 |
| Avg. $=32.08 \div 6=5.35 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=122.1 \div 6=20.35 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(2)$ die axis orient. |  |  |  |


| Chalcus |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 11 | 132 | $3.45 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat231 |
| 12 | 132 | $2.92 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset$ | CNG36-615 |



Ch. 3.6, Cypress tree, o/s

No. CAA Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Avg. $=6.37 \div 2=3.19 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=34 \div 3=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

Tot.Avg, $=66.71 \div 12=5.56 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=242.1 \div 12=20.18 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg, $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h} .3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orientation

Uncertain Reverse
4 Chalci
$1 \quad 6.92 \mathrm{~g}-16.9 \emptyset$
ER19648/19
Avg. $=6.92 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=16.9 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter

2 Chalci
$2 \quad 4.50 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset$
JN 128HT
Avg. $=4.50 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter

Tot.Avg. $=11.42 \div 2=5.71 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=33.9 \div 2=16.95 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter


Ch. 3.7, Rev. uncertain

Table 3.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| King or Nike holding spear | 4 | 6.76 g |
| King or Nike hold. spear o/s | 2 | 6.03 g |
| Nike holding crown, walking | 27 | 5.43 g |
| Nike hold. crown walk. o/s | 54 | 6.23 g |
| Cypress tree | 10 | 5.15 g |
| Cypress tree o/s | 12 | 5.56 g |
| Reverse uncertain | 2 | 5.71 g |
| Total | 111 |  |

Table 3.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Tigranes II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| King or Nike holding spear | 1 | 20 mm |
| King or Nike hold. spear o/s | 2 | 21 mm |
| Nike holding crown, walking | 21 | 18.19 mm |
| Nike hold. crown walk. o/s | 50 | 21.04 mm |
| Cypress tree | 7 | 17.97 mm |
| Cypress tree o/s | 12 | 0.18 mm |
| Reverse uncertain | 2 | 16.95 mm |
| Total | 95 |  |

## ERRATA

Armenian Numismatic Journal, Series II, Vol. 7 (37), (June 2011), No. 2, pp. 27 and 28, in the captions of Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, Chart 3.8.

Tigranes II should be Artavasdes II.

Table 3.3, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Tigranes II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | E Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| King or Nike holding spear | --- | --- |
| King or Nike hold. spear o/s | --- | --- |
| Nike holding crown, walking | 16 | $4 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 10 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Nike hold. crown walk. o/s | 33 | $2 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 4 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 20 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 7 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Cypress tree | 5 | $2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Cypress tree o/s | 4 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h} .3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Reverse uncertain | --- | --- |
| Total | 58 |  |



Chart 3.8 Average weights of Tigranes II copper coins (grams)

# THE ARMENIAN COIN AUCTION OF R. A. COLLECTION <br> (2010) 

The "R. A. collection" of Armenian coins and coins relating to Armenia, assembled mostly from the Classical Numismatic Group, Inc., was consigned to the same dealer and auctioned on 15 September 2010, by mail bid and on Internet. ${ }^{1}$

The Armenian section of the catalogue, which includes 132 lots, contains more than two hundred pieces from the Armenian kingdom of Sophene, Artaxiad Dynasty of Armenia, as well as Roman and Byzantine coins relating to Armenia, Commagene, and Cilician Armenia. We were so impressed with the names of major coin dealers and quality of these coins that we referenced their names in our summary following this review: Classical Numismatic Group, ${ }^{2}$ Spink, ${ }^{3}$ Münzen und Medaillen, ${ }^{4}$ Numismatica Ars Classica, ${ }^{5}$ Numismatic Fine Arts, ${ }^{6}$ Leu, ${ }^{7}$ Elsen, ${ }^{8}$ Christie's, ${ }^{9}$ Nercessian, ${ }^{10}$ and Sotheby's. ${ }^{11}$

The Armenian section of the catalogue includes numerous rare coins of high quality. It should be emphasized that many of the pedigree coins were part of the Araratian Collection, sold by the CNG in several auctions. To this list belong the copper coins of Arsames I, Arsames II, Xerxes, Abdissares, Morphilig, tetradrachms and drachms (with comet and Antioch Tyche) as well as a Damascus copper issued by Tigranes II, drachms of Artavasdes II and Artaxias II, and copper coins of Artaxias II, Tigranes III, Artavasdes III, Tigranes IV and Tigranes V. The medieval coins included a follis of Kiurike II, copper coins of barons Roupen I, Toros I, Roupen II, and Levon II; the royal section of Cilician Armenia included: Levon I, a one-lion coronation piece, a billon inscribed in Latin; Hetoum-Kaikhusrew bilingual half tram; Levon II, a pre-coronation tram with Hetoum-Zabel tram design, Smpad half tram, Gosdantin I trams and a kardez, Levon III half tram, and a pogh from Guy. Also, there were numerous Roman and Byzantine coins relating to Armenia, such as a denarius of Mark Antony, Mark Antony and Cleopatra, an aureus and a denarius of Augustus, a

[^3]Table I.b Comparative data of 2010 and previous sale prices (cont.)

| Lot | Ruler | Coin | Est. \$ | Sold \$ | Multiples of Prev. Sold \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 067 | Augustus | Fourrée Denarius | 200 | 471 | 2.68 X CNG 1995-176 |
| 074 | Lucius Verus | Æ As Armenia std | 300 | 356 | 2.16 X CNG 1995-165 |
| 076 |  | Æ Tetradrachm | 500 | 920 | 1.08 X CNG 1995-853 |
| 083 | Kiurike II | ※ Follis | 1000 | 4370 | 2.11 X CNG 2002-2068 |
| 094 | Roupen I | ※ Copper | 500 | 1514 | 3.36 X CNG 1993-451 |
| 085 | Toros I | Æ Copper | 750 | 1955 | 3.09 X CNG 1993-633 |
| 086 | Roupen II | E Copper | 400 | 2185 | 4.41 X CNG 1995-495 |
| 087 | Levon II | $\nVdash$ Copper | 750 | 2300 | 3.48 X CNG 1993-660 |
| 088 | Levon I (king) | AR Cor. tr. 1-lion | 750 | 2415 | 3.66 X CNG 1993-660 |
| 090 |  | AR Double tram | 300 | 517 | 1.57 X CNG 1993-330 |
| 092 |  | AR Half double tr | 150 | 356 | 3.6 X CNG 1993-99 |
| 093 |  | AR Half tram | 200 | 230 | 0.84 X Ner 1997-275 |
| 094 |  | AR Half tram | 300 | 1380 | 6.27 X CNG 1993-220 |
| 096 |  | AR Tram | 150 | 161 | 1.46 X CNG 1995-110 |
| 097 |  | AR Tram | 150 | 270 | 2.73 X CNG 1995-99 |
| 100 |  | AR Billon-Latin | 1250 | 4715 | 3.30 X CNG 1995-1430 |
| 101 | Raymond Roupen | AR Billon denier | 100 | 253 | 1.92 X CNG 1995-132 |
| 104 | Hetoum-Zabel | AR Half tram | 150 | 333 | 2.08 X CNG 1993-160 |
| 107 | Hetoum-Kaikhusr. | AR Tram AH 641 | 150 | 448 | 2.04 X CNG 1993-220 |
| 109 |  | AR Half tram | 500 | 1380 | 2.28 X CNG 1993-605 |
| 112 | Levon II | AR Tram H-Z type | 300 | 977 | 4.44 X CNG 1993-220 |
| 115 | Hetoum II | AR Billon | 150 | 172 | 1.56 X CNG 1993-110 |
| 118 | Smpad | AR Tram | 300 | 379 | 1.38 X CNG 1993-275 |
| 119 |  | AR Half tram | 2000 | 3335 | 1.9 X CNG 1995-1760 |
| 122 | Gosdantin I | ※ Kardez | 300 | 747 | 2.06 X CNG 1993-363 |
| 123 | Levon III | AR Half tram | 2000 | 4255 | 1.76 X CNG 1995-2420 |
| 124 | Oshin | AR Coronation tr. | 200 | 529 | 2.40 X CNG 1993-220 |
| 126 | Guy | ※ Pogh | 1000 | 2415 | 2.83 X CNG 1995-853 |
| 132 | Catherine Cornaro | AR Gros | 2500 | 4830 | 4.20 X Soth 1997-1150 |

The "R. A. Collection" was formed during the past twenty years (that is, from 1990-2010). In the early 1990 s, and in 1995 when the first part of the "Araratian Collection" was auctioned, the coin market was very depressed. Obviously, this unknown R. A. collector not only enjoyed his coins for a period of two decades, but he also made an extremely good investment by purchasing these coins. To highlight this point, we formed the Table I, Comparative data of 2010 and previous sale prices. Here we tabulated those coins where we had information on their past sale prices. Hence, we are able to demonstrate that during this period Armenian coins have appreciated more than two times in market value. The average for the 61 lots of table I is 2.3. One does not expect to see a collector get rich, but certainly he made a handsome profit from his Armenian coin collection. The estimated value for the R. A. Armenian coin auction was $\$ 91,900$, whereas the sum of realized prices was was $\$ 193.573 .75$. One lot was withdrawn and four lots were not sold.

To be fair to the numismatic staff of CNG, it should be emphasized that they have done a great job in cataloguing the Armenian coins. The references included Paul Z. Bedoukian's Coinage of the Armenian Kingdoms of Sophene and Commagene, ${ }^{13}$ Coinage of the Artaxiads of Armenia, ${ }^{14}$ Coinage of Cilician Armenia, ${ }^{15}$ Medieval Armenian Coins, ${ }^{16}$ Y. T. Nercessian's Armenian Coins and Their Values ${ }^{17}$ and Silver Coinage of the Artaxiad Dynasty of Armenia, ${ }^{18}$ R. Vardanyan, ${ }^{19}$ F. L. Kovacs $\mathrm{I}^{20}$ and $\mathrm{II}^{21}$, E. Khurshudian, ${ }^{22}$ L. A. Saryan, ${ }^{23}$ M. Amandry, ${ }^{24}$ Roman Provincial Coinage, ${ }^{25}$ Catalogue of the Byzantine Coins in the Dumbarton Oaks Collection and in the Whittemore Collection, ${ }^{26}$ Crawford, ${ }^{27}$ Sydenham, ${ }^{28}$ CRI, ${ }^{29}$ RIC, ${ }^{30}$ RSC, ${ }^{31}$ and some others; also, the above mentioned auction house catalogues where previously the coins were listed for sale. All of the coins are illustrated in color and printed in actual size, and 32 coins were enlarged. The weights, diameters, and die axis orientation data are published.

The statistical data is tabulated and offered to our readers as a useful guide to current market trends, prevailing prices, and for posterity. The prices quoted are from the CNG's Prices Realized which include the sale price plus the $15 \%$ buyer's fee for electronic bids directly placed on their website. ${ }^{32}$

[^4]CATALOGUE

| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 001 | Arsames I | Æ Horseman Ex-CNG 27-1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{CSC} 3, \\ \text { ACV } 3 \end{gathered}$ | F | 200 | 632.50 |
| 002 | Arsames II | ※ Figure standing Ex-CNG 36-534 | $\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{CSC} 6 \\ & \text { ACV } 7^{*} \end{aligned}$ | VF | 750 | 1955.00 |
| 003 |  | Æ Eagle standing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CSC } 7 \\ & \quad \text { ACV } 8 \end{aligned}$ | -VF | 1250 | 1380.00 |
| 004 |  | Æ King 1/Eagle standing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CSC 7v } \\ & \quad \text { ACV } 8 \mathrm{v} \end{aligned}$ | F | 1500 | 1380.00 |
| 005 |  | Æ Pileoi of the Doiskouroi | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CSC } 8 \\ & \text { ACV } 9 \end{aligned}$ | VF+ | 2000 | 1840.00 |
| 006 | Xerxes | Æ Nike standing <br> Ex-CNG 36-535 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CSC } 9 \\ & \text { ACV 10* } \end{aligned}$ | F+ | 600 | 2530.00 |
| 007 | Abdissares | $\notin$ Eagle standing Ex-CNG27-2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CSC } 16 \\ & \text { ACV } 15 \end{aligned}$ | F | 200 | 471.50 |
| 008 | Morphilig | ※ Anahit? stndng Ex-CNG 36-538 | $\begin{gathered} \text { CSC --- } \\ \text { ACV --- } \end{gathered}$ | F | 500 | 3455.75 |
| 009 | Tigranes I | Æ Figure standing | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CAA } 5 \\ & \quad \text { ACV } 20 \end{aligned}$ | F | 200 | 310.50 |
| 010 |  | ※ Figure standing Ex-CNG 36-539 | CAA 5 ACV 20 | F | 150 | 299.00 |
| 011 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Æ Zeus seated } \\ & \text { Ex-CNG } 36-540 \end{aligned}$ | CAA 4v ACV 22v | VF | 300 | withdrawn |
| 012 |  | ※ Branch Ex-CNG 27-4 | CAA 3 ACV 25 | -F | 150 | 241.50 |
| 013 | Tigranes II | AR Tetradrachm Ex-MM 68-317 | SCADA*-A21-P37a CAA 34 ACV 30 | VF+ | 2000 | 4140.00 |
| 014 |  | AR Tetradrachm Ex-Numismatica Ars Class. 5-167 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SCADA*- } \\ & \text { A48-P13a } \\ & \text { CAA } 40 \\ & \text { ACV } 35 \end{aligned}$ | EF | 3000 | 3680.00 |
| 015 |  | AR Drachm, comet Ex-CNG 36-565 Ex-NFA 25-216 | Ner.Tig.14a SCADA*-a1-p1a CAA 49 ACV 39 | EF | 3000 | 13226.15 |
| 016 |  | AR Drachm Ex-CNG 27-11 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { SCADA*- } \\ \text { a29-p22c } \\ \text { CAA 75 } \\ \text { ACV } 40 \end{array}$ | VF | 1500 | 4025.00 |



| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 035 | Tigranes III | ※ Elephant | CAA 143 ACV 146 | F+ | 200 | 379.50 |
| 036 | Tigranes II [was Artaxias II] | ※ Nike <br> Ex-CNG 36-617 | Kov. Arm. I CAA 136 ACV 133 | fair | 100 | 138.00 |
| 037 | Artavasdes III | $\nVdash$ Artavasdes standing 1 . Ex-CNG 36-632 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CAA } 160 \\ & \text { ACV } 174 \end{aligned}$ | fair | 200 | 299.00 |
| 038 |  | ※ Eagle standing on Rock pile Ex-CNG 36-633 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CAA } 2 \text { (Ar- } \\ \text { (taxias I) } \\ \text { ACV } 177 \end{array}$ | fair | 200 | 603.75 |
| 039 | Tigranes IV/ Augustus | E Tigranes/ Augustus Ex-CNG 27-34 | Kov.Arm.II CAA 167 ACV 184 RPC 3841 | F | 1500 | 1840.00 |
| 040 | Tigranes V [IV] | Æ Heracles <br> Ex-CNG 82-691 <br> Spink Num. Circ. <br> April 1992-1664 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Kov.Arm.II } \\ \text { CAA153-4 } \\ \text { ACV158-60 } \end{gathered}$ | VF | 1000 | 1610.00 |
| 041 |  | ※ Elephant r. | Kov.Arm.II CAA151 ACV171 | VF+ | 1000 | 833.75 |
| 042 |  | ※ Elephant 1. | Kov.Arm.II <br> CAA150 <br> ACV172 | VF | 600 | 977.50 |
| 043 |  | Æ Eagle stndng. r. | Kov.Arm.II CAA155 ACV165 | F+ | 750 | 603.75 |
| 044 |  | Æ Eagle stndng. 1. | Kov.Arm.II <br> CAA156 <br> ACV166 | -VF | 600 | 483.00 |
| 045 | Tigranes VI [IV] | ※ Bipennis and club | Kov.Arm.II <br> CAA157-8 <br> ACV167-8 <br> and 70 | VF | 600 | 529.00 |
| 046 |  | E Nike standing r. <br> with upraised <br> hand <br> Ex-CNG 27-31 | Kov.Arm.II <br> CAA148 <br> ACV162-3 | F | 300 | 506.00 |
| 047 | Tigranes VI <br> [Tigranes IV and Queen Eratol | Æ Jugate heads of Tigranes and Queen | $\begin{gathered} \text { Kov.Arm.II } \\ \text { CAA162 } \\ \text { ACV179 } \end{gathered}$ | -VF | 500 | 552.00 |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 048 | Artavasdes, MediaAtropatene | Æ Female bust Ex-CNG 36-639 | Alram 237 | VF | 500 | 920.00 |
| 049 | Asinnalus, MediaAtropatene | $\nVdash$ Nike driving quadriga |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ex-CNG 36-640 | Alram 238 | F+ | 500 | 603.75 |
| 050 |  | Æ Nike driving quadriga Ex-CNG 82-706 | Alram 238 | F+ | 500 | 356.50 |
| 051 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mithradates I Kal- } \\ & \text { linikos, Com- } \\ & \text { magene } \end{aligned}$ | ※ Eagle/palm Ex-CNG 27-26 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Alram } 245 \\ \text { C SC } 23 \end{gathered}$ | VF | 0 |  |
| 052 |  | ※ Club | Alram 248 | -V | 0 | 71.50 |
|  |  | Ex-CNG 82-702 | ACV 193 | F | 200 | 299.00 |
| 053 |  | ※ Club, filleted Ex-CNG 36-647 | ACV 195* | VF | 300 | 2415.00 |
| 054 | Antiochus IV Epiphanes, Commagene | ※ Scorpion <br> Ex-CNG 36-650A | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV } 199 \\ & \text { RPC } 3856 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CSC --- | VF+ | 150 | 120.75 |
| 055 | Epiphanes and Kallinikos | Æ Armenian tiara | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV } 220 \\ & \text { RPC } 3860 \end{aligned}$ | VF | 300 | 356.50 |
| 056 | Samosata, Commagene | 2 Æ, a.Zeus/ion <br> b. Lion/Tyche | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV } 237 \\ & \text { ACV } 240 \end{aligned}$ | VF | 300 | 264.50 |
| 057 | Artaxata civic coins | ※ Nike, bust/ palm curved Ex-CNG 82-697 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RPC I supp. } \\ & \text { 1738a } \\ & \text { Amandry } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | B. 2 | F | 300 | 322.00 |
| 058 |  | Æ Nike, bust/ palm curved | Ref. as 057 | VF | 400 | 299.00 |
| 059 |  | ※ Tyche bust, turreted/ grain ear | RPC supp. <br> II 3844E <br> Amandry |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ex-CNG 82-698 | C. 2 | F | 300 | 414.00 |
| 060 | Armenia ? <br> [Commagene] | ※ Armenian tiara horse Ex-CNG 27-35 | Æ Armenian tiara horse | VF | 200 | 138.00 |
| 061 |  | Æ Armenian tiara horse Ex-CNG 36-660 | ※ Armenian tiara horse | -VF | 200 | 184.00 |
| 062 | Mithridatges I, Tosp | $\nVdash$ Kings bust/ inscription Ex-CNG 67-832 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Khurshudian } \\ \text { ONS } 157 \\ \text { 1998, p. } 8 \end{gathered}$ | VF | 750 | 1725.00 |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 063 | Mark Antony | ```AR Armenian tiara crossed with bow and arrow Ex-CNG 36-663``` | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Cr. 539/1 } \\ \text { CRI 297 } \\ \text { Syd. } 1205 \\ \text { RSC } 19 \end{array}$ | VF | 1500 | 2300.00 |
| 064 | Mark Antony and Cleopatra | AR Denarius Armenian tiara behind Antony's neck | Cr. 543/1 <br> CRI 345 <br> Syd. 1210 RSC 1 | VF | 2000 | 3565.00 |
| 065 | Augustus | AV Aureus <br> Victory stng bull held by horns Ex-CNG 27-36 Ex-NFA 12-153 | RIC 1514 | VF+ | 10,000 | 25300.00 |
| 066 |  | AR Denarius Armenian tiara, quiver, bow case Ex-CNG 27-37 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RIC } 1516 \\ \text { RSC } 11 \end{array}$ | F+ | 750 | 805.00 |
| 067 |  | Fourrée Denarius Ex-CNG 36-665 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{f} \text { RIC } 1515 \\ \mathrm{c} / \mathrm{f} \text { RSC } 12 \end{array}$ | VF | 200 | 471.50 |
| 068 | Nero | AR Hemidrachm Victory adv. r. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RIC } 1616 \\ & \text { RPC } 3644 \end{aligned}$ | -VF | 150 | 442.75 |
| 069 | Trajan | $\nVdash$ Sestertius <br> Trajan standing holding spear ※ Sestertius | RIC 1642v | -VF | 200 | 218.50 |
| 070 | Antoninus Pius | Antoninus Pius crwnng Sohemos | RIC III 619 <br> Banti 322 | -VF | 1000 | 690.00 |
| 071 | Marcus Aurelius | AR Denarius Armenia seated, and mourning, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RIC III } 85 \\ & \text { RSC } 6 \end{aligned}$ | F | 150 | 448.50 |
| 072 | Lucius Verus | AV Aureus Armenia seated, and mourning, AR Denarius | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { RIC III } 86 \\ \text { MIR } 18,89 \\ 2 / 37 \\ \text { RIC III } 81 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 5,000 | 6325.00 |
| 073 |  | Armenia seated, and mourning, | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MIR 18, } \\ & 90-4 / 30 \end{aligned}$ | -EF | 300 | 471.50 |
| 074 |  | Æ As, Armenia std, and mourning, Ex-CNG 36-675 | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { RIC III } 1367 \\ \text { MIR 18, } 79-1 \\ 19 / 10 \end{array}\right.$ | VF | 300 | 356.50 |
| 075 |  | Æ Sestertius <br> L. Verus std on platf. Sohemo stg Ex-CNG 27-40 | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { RIC III 1375 } \\ \text { MIR 18,91 } \\ 16 / 35 \\ \text { Banti 102 } \end{array}\right\|$ | F | 300 | --- |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 076 | Lucius Verus | AR,BI tetradrachm Armenia seated, and mourning, trophies behind Ex-CNG 36-676 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dattari (Sa- } \\ & \text { vio) } 9434 \\ & \text { K \& G } 39 \\ & \text { 107v } \end{aligned}$ | VF | 500 | 920.00 |
| 077 | Trajan - L. Verus | Æ a. Sesertius, <br> Trajan standing $\notin \mathrm{b}$. Sestertius, A . <br> Pius crowning Sohemos AR c. Denarius, M. Aurelius/Mars standing AR d. as last $\notin$ e. L. Verus std, Sohemos stndng. in front of platf. | RIC II 642 <br> RIC III 619 <br> RSC 469 <br> RSC 469 <br> RIC III 1370 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{F} \\ & \text { to } \end{aligned}$ | 500 | 661.25 |
| 078 | Leo V the Armenian | AV Solidus with Constantine Ex-Leu 77-856 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { DOC } 2 \mathrm{~b} .2 \\ \text { SB } 1627 \end{array}$ | EF | 1500 | 4601.15 |
| 079 |  | AV Semissis with Constantine Ex-CNG Triton V-2293 Elsen 55-1103 Christie's 22 April 1986, 211 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DOC } 12 \\ & \text { Anastasi } \\ & \text { 490a } \\ & \text { SB 1632A } \end{aligned}$ | EF | 1000 | 2990.00 |
| 080 |  | AR Miliaresion with Constantine | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \text { DOC } 4 \\ \text { SB } 1628 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 300 | 258.75 |
| 081 |  | Æ 40 Nummi-Follis with Constantine | Anastasi 488 DOC 17 SB 1636 | VF+ | 150 | --- |
| 082 |  | Æ 40 Nummi-Follis with Constantine | $\begin{gathered} \text { Anastasi } 497 \\ \text { DOC } 19 \\ \text { SB } 1635 \end{gathered}$ | VF | 200 | --- |
| 083 | Kiurike II | Æ Follis Ex-CNG 61-2379 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 514 \\ \text { MAC } 1 \end{array}$ | fair | 1000 | 4370.00 |
| 084 | Baron Roupen I | ※ Copper <br> Ex-CNG 27-83 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 245 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { MAC } 3 \mathrm{v} \end{array}$ | VF | 500 | 1514.55 |
| 085 | Baron Toros I | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Æ Copper } \\ & \text { Ex-CNG 27-84 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 246 \\ \text { MAC } 5 \end{array}$ | F | 750 | 1955.00 |
| 086 | Baron Roupen II | ※ Copper <br> Ex-CNG 36-712 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 249 \\ \text { CCA3a } \end{array}$ | VF | 400 | 2185.00 |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 087 | Baron Levon II | Æ Copper Ex-CNG 27-85 | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { ACV 252* } \\ \text { CCA 4v } \end{array}$ | -VF | 750 | 2300.00 |
| 088 | King Levon I | AR Cor. tr., 1-lion Ex-CNG 27-100 | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{ACV} 257 \mathrm{v} \\ \mathrm{CCA} 80 \end{array}$ | VF | 750 | 2415.00 |
| 089 |  | AR Cor. tr., 2-lion | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 267 \\ \text { CCA } 96 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 100 | 247.25 |
| 090 |  | AR Double tram Ex-CNG 27-90 | $\begin{array}{\|r} \text { ACV } 269 \\ \text { CCA } 23 \end{array}$ | EF | 300 | 517.50 |
| 091 |  | AR Double tram | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 269 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { CCA } 25 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 150 | 310.50 |
| 092 |  | AR Half double tr. Ex-CNG 27-93 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 274 \\ \text { CCA } 54 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 150 | 356.50 |
| 093 |  | AR Half tram Ex-Nerces. I-80 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 277 \\ \text { CCA } 71 \end{array}$ | -VF | 200 | 230.00 |
| 094 |  | AR Half tram Ex-CNG 27-97 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 278 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { CCA } 73 \end{array}$ | VF+ | 300 | 1380.00 |
| 095 |  | AR Tram | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 286 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { CCA } 236 \end{array}$ | -EF | 100 | 75.90 |
| 096 |  | AR Trm, lily in $\mathrm{r} / \mathrm{h}$ Ex-CNG 36-749 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 297 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { CCA } 672 \end{array}$ | -EF | 100 | 161.00 |
| 097 |  | AR Tram Ex-CNG 36-751 | Metcalf Class. 39 | -EF | 150 | 270.25 |
| 098 |  | 6 AR a, b, c. Coronation trams, 2lion, d. Half double trams, e, f. Trams | --- | $\begin{gathered} -\mathrm{VF} \\ \text { to } \\ \mathrm{VF} \end{gathered}$ | 150 | 603.75 |
| 099 |  | ※ Tank | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV 304v } \\ & \text { CCA 721v } \end{aligned}$ | VF+ | 100 | 189.75 |
| 100 |  | AR Billon in Latin Ex-CNG 36-767 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV 281* } \\ & \text { CCA 9v } \\ & \text { MAC 33 } \\ & \text { CCS 133a } \end{aligned}$ | VF | 1250 | 4715.00 |
| 101 | Raymond Roupen | AR Billon <br> Ex-CNG 36-768 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Metcalf Cru- } \\ \text { sades class } \\ \text { M452-4 } \\ \text { CCS 93 } \end{gathered}$ | VF | 100 | 235.75 |
| 102 | Hetoum-Zabel | AR Tram | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { ACV } 336 \\ \text { CCA } 906 v \end{array}$ | EF+ | 100 | 356.50 |
| 103 |  | AR Tram | CCA 940 | EF+ | 100 | 103.50 |
| 104 |  | AR Half tram <br> Ex-CNG 27-151 | CCA 1284a | VF | 150 | 333.50 |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 105 | Hetoum-Zabel | AR Half tram 4 AR Trams AR Tram, A.H. 641 <br> Ex-CNG 27-138 <br> AR Tram, A.H. 644 <br> AR Half tram Ex-CNG 27-141 | CCA1285/45 | VF | 150 | 178.25 |
| 106 |  |  | --- | VFto-EF | 150 | 235.75 |
| 107 | Hetoum-Kaikhusr. |  | $\begin{array}{r\|} \hline \text { ACV } 326 \\ \text { CCA } 818 \end{array}$ | EF | 150 | 48.50 |
| 108 |  |  | ACV 329 | EF | 200 | 833.75 |
| 109 |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ACV } 331 \mathrm{v} \\ \text { CCA } 839 \end{array}$ | VF | 500 | 1380.00 |
| 110 | Hetoum-Kaiq-Kaik. Levon I to Hetoum I | 4 AR trams 8 Æ, 1 Lev. tank, 4 Het. tanks, 3 Het. Kard. | --- | VFtoVF | 150 | 977.50 |
| 111 |  |  | --- | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{F} \\ \text { to } \\ \mathrm{VF} \end{gathered}$ | 300 | 212.75 |
| 112 | Levon II | AR Tram H-Z type Ex-CNG 27-156 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ACV } 368 \mathrm{v} \\ & \text { CCA } 1425 \end{aligned}$ | -EF | 300 | 977.50 |
| 113 |  |  | CCA 1429 | EF | 200 | 333.50 |
| 114 |  | AR Tram 5 AR, 4 Trams, 1 Half tram | --- |  | 300 | 747.50 |
| 115 | Hetoum II | AR Billon Ex-CNG 27-174 |  | VF | 150 | 172.50 |
| 116 | Levon II to Hetoum II Smpad | 5 Æ, 1 Lev . II Kard 4 Hetoum II Kard | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { ACV 394v } \\ \text { CCA1577 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { F to } \\ & \text {-VF } \end{aligned}$ | 200 | 138.00 |
| 117 | Smpad | AR Coronation trm | $\begin{gathered} -- \\ \text { ACV407v } \\ \text { CCA1653a } \\ \text { Bed. silver } \end{gathered}$ | EF | 400 | 920.00 |
| 118 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AR Tram } \\ & \text { Ex-CNG 27-182 } \end{aligned}$ | $3-6 v$ ACV $408 v$ CCA $1669 v$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | AR Half tram | Bed. silver $19$ | VF+ | 300 | 379.50 |
| 119 |  | Ex-CNG 36-841 | ACV 411* | VF+ | 2000 | 3335.00 |
| 120 | Gosdantin I | AR Tram | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r} \text { CCA } 1677 \\ \text { CCA1727b/c } \end{array}\right.$ | VF+ | 2500 | 3910.00 |
| 121 |  | AR Tram | ACV 416 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | CCA1727c | -EF | 2500 | 4025.00 |
| 122 |  | AE Kardez Ex-CNG 27-185 | $\begin{gathered} \text { ACV } 415 \\ \text { CCA-1728/32 } \end{gathered}$ | VF+ | 300 | 747.50 |
| 123 | Levon III | AR Half tram Ex-CNG 36-852 | ACV 417v | -EF | 2000 | 4255.00 |
| 124 | Oshin | AR Coronation trm Ex-CNG 27-192 | ACV 428* ACV 438 CCA1845v |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bed Hoard } \\ & \text { 101x } \end{aligned}$ | EF | 200 | 529.00 |


| No. | Ruler | Coin | Reference | Grade | US\$ Est. | US\$ Sold |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 125 | Hetoum I to Gosdantin III | 12 AR, 2 H-Z trm, 2 Lev. III takv., 3 Oshin takv., 2 Oshin takv. o/s in Arb., 1 Lev . IV takv. o/s in Arb., 2 Gosdantin III takvorins | --- | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{F} \\ & \text { to } \\ & \mathrm{VF} \end{aligned}$ | 400 | 701.50 |
| 126 | Guy | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Æ Pogh } \\ & \text { Ex-CNG 36-876 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { ACV } 470 \\ \text { CCA } 2040 \end{array}$ | -VF | 1000 | 2415.00 |
| 127 | Levon IV to Gosdantin IV | 17 AR Takvorins 3 Lev. IV, 2 Lev. IV takv. o/s in Arb., 1 Guy, 2 Gosd. III lion 1., 5 Gosd. III, 2 Lev the Usurper, 2 Gosd. IV takv. | - | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{F} \\ & \text { to } \\ & \mathrm{VF} \end{aligned}$ | 500 | 1150.00 |
| 128 | Levon V | AR Billon | ACV 503v | VF | 300 | 368.00 |
| 129 |  | AR Billon | ACV 503 | VF | 150 | 172.50 |
| 130 | Smpad to Levon V | 8 Æ, 1 AR Billon 1 Smpad kard., 1 Lev. III kard., 1 Lev. IV large pogh, 1 Gosd. III pogh, 1 Lev. the Usurp. pogh, 1 Gosd. IV pogh, 1 Lev. V billon, 1 Post Roupenian, 1 uncertain | - | $\begin{aligned} & F \\ & \text { to } \\ & -V F \end{aligned}$ | 400 | 603.75 |
| 131 | Smpad to Levon V | 8 Æ, 1 Smpad pogh 1 Lev III kard., 4 Oshin poghs, 1 Lev. IV pogh, 1 Lev. V pogh | --- | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{F} \\ & \text { to } \\ & \mathrm{VF} \end{aligned}$ | 300 | --- |
| 132 | Catherine Cornaro Queen of Jerusalem, Cyprus, and Armenia | AR Gros <br> Ex-Sotheby's (John Slocum), 6 March 1997, 746 | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { M\&P pl. } 25, \\ 2-6 ; \text { CCS } \\ 172 \mathrm{v} \end{array}$ | VF+ | 2500 | 4830.00 |

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The law of nature is that new blood is now required to keep this movement alive and vital. Soon it may become necessary for the leaders of our society to pass the torch they have held aloft so well to a new generation. I am confident that we have several younger numismatists who are ready to step up to the challenge, and I look forward to seeing the society continue to flourish under their direction in the coming decades.

Levon A. Saryan, Ph.D.
I read with interest your June 2011 editorial. Many of us members of the Society are not endowed with talents to write interesting, informative, and scholarly numismatic articles like you and others listed in your article. In order to increase the number of contributors and simultaneously diversify/broaden the range of articles appearing in the Journal I have the following suggestions. Recruit, if you can, interested and qualified contributors who 1) may have specialized interests in various aspects of numismatic field, as you suggest (Armenian and neighboring regional coins, Roman coins with Armenian themes, medals, banknotes, even stamps, among others), 2) may live in various regions of the world where they may have small groups of interested, dedicated, but isolated followers, and 3) very importantly with your blessing and approval some of these become regional editors of the Journal. There is no harm in having more editors. The more the merrier if they can bring in qualified authors, researchers, and enthusiasts, not necessarily all Armenian. Your title most appropriately could be, e.g., Editor-in-Chief, others may be designated as associate and corresponding editors, as you have now, plus add something like regional editors (Armenia, Europe, and Lebanon as the case may be). Many scientific journals have adopted such a format. I am also "hopeful that we shall see a bright future for" the ANJ.

Best Regards.
N. Tcheurekdjian
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## ERRATA

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Tigranes II should be Artavasdes II.

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARTAXIADS OF ARMENIA 

Artaxias II (34-20 B.C.)

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

Artaxias II (34-20 B.C.) ${ }^{1}$
Dog
1/2 Chalcus

| 1 | I. 15 | $1.75 \mathrm{~g}-12.6 ø-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | I. 16 | $1.75 \mathrm{~g}-12.40-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 3 | I. 14 | $1.60 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 4 | I. 13 | $1.59 \mathrm{~g}-12.1 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 5 | I. 12 | $1.40 \mathrm{~g}-12 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 6 | I. 11 | $1.39 \mathrm{~g}-11.5 \emptyset-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19980/5 |
| 7 | I. 10 | $1.33 \mathrm{~g}-11.8 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 8 | I. 9 | $1.28 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 9 | I. 8 | $1.20 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 10 | I. 7 | $1.18 \mathrm{~g}-11.2 ø-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19878/58 |
| 11 | --- | $1.17 \mathrm{~g}-12.4 ø-2 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20088/13 |
| 12 | I. 6 | 1.15 g Go | ny 138-1504 |
| 13 | 1.5 | $1.10 \mathrm{~g}-11.2 ø-2 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 14 | I. 4 | $1.03 \mathrm{~g}-11.6 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20003/5 |
| 15 | I. 3 | 0.93g-11ø | Er20088/15 |
| 16 | --- | 0.92g-10.5ø-1h | HM |
| 17 | I. 2 | $0.91 \mathrm{~g}-11.2 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19980/7 |
| 18 | I | 0.83g-12ø-12h | YN |
| 19 | --- | $0.69 \mathrm{~g}-90-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | HM |
| 20 | I. 1 | 0.56g-10.5ø-1h | Er19878/59 |



Ch. 4.1, Dog

[^5]No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

Tot.Avg. $=23.76 \div 20=1.19 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=215.9 \div 19=11.36 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 8 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 6 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 2 \mathrm{~h}(18)$
die axis orientation

## Eagle

1/2 Chalcus

| 1 | II. 12 | $1.43 \mathrm{~g}-11.5 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | II. 11 | $1.21 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 3 | II. 10 | $1.09 \mathrm{~g}-11.3 ø-2 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19980/8 |
| 4 | II. 9 | $1.03 \mathrm{~g}-10.6 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19985/2 |
| 5 | II. 7 | $1.00 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 6 | II. 8 | $1.00 \mathrm{~g}-9 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 7 | II. 6 | $0.97 \mathrm{~g}-12.5 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 8 | II. 5 | $0.88 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 9 | II. 4 | $0.83 \mathrm{~g}-12.2 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20033 |
| 10 | II. 3 | $0.81 \mathrm{~g}-10.9 \emptyset-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 11 | II. 1 | 0.80g-11.1ø-1h | KV |
| 12 | II. 2 | $0.80 \mathrm{~g}-12 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 13 | --- | $0.63 \mathrm{~g}-11 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20088/18 | Tot.Avg. $=12.48+13=0.96 \mathrm{~g}$ weight Tot.Avg. $=147.1 \div 13=11.32 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Tot.Avg. $=9 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}(13)$ die axis orientation



Ch. 4.2, Eagle

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

Bee
1 Chalcus
1

2 III. 17 | $2.09 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Gorny $138-1506$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| KV |  |

Avg. $=4.79 \div 2=2.40 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=14 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

| 1/2 Chalcus |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | III. 16 | 1.93g-14.1ø-12h | Er20003/2 |
| 4 | III. 15 | $1.84 \mathrm{~g}-13.8 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 5 |  | $1.72 \mathrm{~g}-15.2 \varnothing-9 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19985/4 |
| 6 | III. 1 | 1.63g-13.3ø | Er19992/146 |
| 7 | III. 13 | 1.61g-12.2ø-1h |  |
| 8 | III. 12 | $1.60 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 9 | III. 11 | $1.52 \mathrm{~g}-13.2 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19985/1 |
| 10 | III. 10 | 1.48g-12.4ø-11h |  |
| 11 | III. 9 | $1.40 \mathrm{~g}-12.4 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 12 | III. 8 | $1.35 \mathrm{~g}-12.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19980/4 |
| 13 |  | $1.37 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20088/19 |
| 14 | III. 7 | $1.32 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 15 |  | $1.27 \mathrm{~g}-14.50-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20088/20 |
| 16 | III. 6 | $1.24 \mathrm{~g}-12.4 \varnothing-6 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20003/3 |
| 17 | III. 5 | $1.21 \mathrm{~g}-14.3 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 18 | III. 4 | $1.18 \mathrm{~g}-13.6 \varnothing-5 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 19 |  | $1.09 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20088/17 |
| 20 | III. 3 | 1.08g-12.7ø-1h | K |
| 21 |  | $0.93 g-11.2 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20092/2 |
| 22 |  | 0.87g-12.6ø-2h | Er20088/16 |
| 23 | III. 2 | $0.83 \mathrm{~g}-13.1 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| 2 | III. 1 | $0.80 \mathrm{~g}-12.2 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20003/ |
| Avg. $=29.27 \div 22=1.33 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=290.7 \div 22=13.21 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} \text { Avg. }= & 1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 11 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, \\ & 1 / 5 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 6(21) \text { die axis orientation } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

Tot.Avg. $=34.06 \div 24=1.42 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=304.7+23=13.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 12 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$, $1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 5 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ (21) die axis orientation

## Profile

2 Chalci
1 IV. $20 \quad 4.55 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

2 IV. 19 3.95g-17.3ø-12hEr19992/145
$3 \quad$ IV. $18 \quad 3.84 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ KV
Avg. $=12.34 \div 3=4.11 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=52.3 \div 3=17.43 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(3)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 4.3, Bee

## 1 Chalcus

| 4 | IV. 17 | $3.65 g-16 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | IV. 16 | $3.36 \mathrm{~g}-17.3 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 6 | --- | $3.32 \mathrm{~g}-17.2 \emptyset-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er20010 |
| 7 | IV. 15 | $3.19 \mathrm{~g}-17.1 \emptyset-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 8 | IV. 14 | $2.90 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 9 | IV. 13 | $2.73 \mathrm{~g}-16.4 \emptyset-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 10 | IV. 12 | $2.66 \mathrm{~g}-15.1 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 11 | IV. 11 | $2.64 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | JCh |
| 12 | IV. 10 | $2.62 \mathrm{~g}-15.8 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er0003/1 |
| 13 | IV. 9 | $2.34 \mathrm{~g}-15 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 14 | IV. 8 | $2.23 \mathrm{~g}-16.7 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er19985/3 |
| 15 | IV. 7 | $2.20 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | KV |
| 16 | IV. 6 | $2.10 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-10 \mathrm{~h}$ | JCh |

Avg. $=35.94 \div 13=2.76 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=212.6 \div 13=16.35 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=4 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 7 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(13)$ die axis orientation
$1 / 2$ Chalcus

| 17 | IV. 5 |  | $1.72 g-15.2 \emptyset-9 h$ | Er19985/4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 18 | IV.4 |  | $1.63 g-15 \emptyset-12 h$ | KV |
| 19 | IV.3 |  | $1.61 g-16.2 ø-2 h$ | Er19992/147 |
| 20 | IV.2 |  | $1.33 g-14.1 \varnothing-12 h$ | KV |
| 21 | IV.1 |  | $1.09 g-9.1 \varnothing-1 h$ | KV |

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-dlam.-die axis

## 1/2 Chalcus

22 --- 1.01g-13.4ø Er20088/21
Avg. $=8.39 \div 6=1.40 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=83.0 \div 6=13.83 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}(5)$ die axis orientation

Tot.Avg. $=56.67 \div 22=2.58 \mathrm{~g}$ weight Tot.Avg. $=347.9 \div 22=15.81 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Tot.Avg. $=1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 4 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 12 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$, $1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}(21)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 4.4, Profile

## Bunch of Grapes

1 Chalcus

| 1 | $2.75 \mathrm{~g}-14.2 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ Er20088/12 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 | $2.52 \mathrm{~g}-13.5-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |

Avg. $=5.27 \div 2=2.64 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=27.7 \div 2=13.85 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

| $1 / 2$ Chalcus <br> 3$\quad 1.74 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 4 | $1.75 \mathrm{~g}-12.1 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ Er $19878 / 54$ |
| Avg. $=3.49 \div+2=1.745 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |
| Avg. $=26.1 \div 2=13.05 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |
| Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |
| Tot.Avg. $=8.76+4=2.19 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |
| Tot.Avg. $=53.8 \div 4=13.45 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |
| Tot.Avg. $=4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 4.5, Bunch of grapes

## Cornucopia

2 Chalci
4.30g-14.8ø-12h Er19992/73

2 4.08g-14.9ø-1h Er 19980/1
$3 \quad 3.84 \mathrm{~g}-17.3 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ Er19878/49
Avg. $=12.22+3=4.07 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=47.0 \div 3=15.67 \mathrm{~mm}$
Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(3)$ die axis orientaion

## 1 Chalcus

| 4 | $2.94 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG85-34 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 5 | $2.18 \mathrm{~g}-12.3 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Er $19980 / 2$ |



Ch. 4.6, Cornucopia

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

Avg. $=5.12 \div 2=2.56 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=24.3 \div 2=12.15 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientaion

No. RV Metrological Data Source wt.-diam.-die axis

Tot.Avg. $=17.34 \div 5=3.47 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=71.3 \div 5=14.26 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(5)$ die axis orient.

Table 4.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Artaxias II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dog | 20 | 1.19 |
| Eagle | 13 | 0.96 g |
| Bee | 24 | 1.42 g |
| Profile | 22 | 2.58 g |
| Bunch of Grapes | 4 | 2.19 g |
| Cornucopia | 5 | 3.47 g |
| Total | 88 |  |

Table 4.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Artaxias II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dog | 19 | 11.36 mm |
| Eagle | 13 | 11.32 mm |
| Bee | 23 | 13.25 mm |
| Profile | 22 | 15.81 mmg |
| Bunch of Grapes | 4 | 13.45 mm |
| Cornucopia | 5 | 14.26 mm |
| Total | 86 |  |

Table 4.3, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Artaxias II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | £ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Dog | 18 | $2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 8 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 6 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 2 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Eagle | 13 | $9 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 1 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Bee | 21 | $1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 12 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$, <br> $1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 5 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 6 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Profile | 21 | $1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}, 4 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 12 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 3 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$, <br> $1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Bunch of Grapes | 4 | $4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Cornucopia | 5 | $4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 82 |  |



Chart 4.7 Average weights of Artaxias II copper coins (grams)

## ARMENIAN NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

12 ASBAREZ. Anii 1050 Ameakin ew Artashati 2200 Ameakin Nuiruats Hushadram [Commemorative Coins Dedicated to the 1050th Anniversary of Ani and 2200th Anniversary of
 Asbarez, Vol. 103 (Friday, 14 december 2010), No. 13,934, p. 4, illus. In Armenian.
The Central Bank of the Republic of Armenia has placed in circulation the following commemorative coins: Misak' Metsarents‘, 125th birth anniversary, gold; T'oros Rosslin, 800th birth anniversary, gold; Ani, 1050th anniversary of the founding, gold; Artaxata, 2200th anniversary of the founding, gold; Mekhitarist Congregation in Vienna, 200th anniversary of the founding, silver. The commemorative coins were struck in Holland.






13 KHACHATRYAN Zhores. Sisiani dambaran夭 (M.T.A. I dari erkrord kes); oske tarber ararkaner ev zarder [The Tomb of Sisian, (Second Half of First Century B.C.); Different Gold

 National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Etnography, The Archaeological Monuments and Specimens of Armenia, 21, by Zhores Khachatryan, 2009, pp. 35-43, pl. XVII. In Armenian.
The author describes five gold plated silver medallions discovered in the tomb of Sisian. An eagle is engraved on three of the medallions (Nos. 2, 3, 4). One of the medallions (No. 5), the best preserved piece, displays Nike. Another medallion (No. 1), the poorest preserved medallion displays two human heads, consists of two pieces. The refined craftsmanship of these medallions is very conspicuous. The medallions have the same diameter, 8.2 cm .

YTN







14 NERCESSIAN, Y. T. Lewon I T'agaworin ka̧̧ord erkdramnern ou billonnerě [Quarter

 (2010), pp. 533-551, 2 pls. inclusive. In Armenian with English summary.

The extremely rare quarter double trams and Armenian-inscribed billons and Latin-inscribed billons of King Levon I (1198-1219) are studied. The author reviews the numismatic literature of Gustave Schlumberger, Paul Z. Bedoukian, Y. T. Nercessian, M.-L. Garabedian, Berj M. Garabedian, Kh. A. Mousheghian, Fr. Clement Sibilian, and K. J. Basmadjian, and all known auction catalogues (Classical Numismatic Group, Sotheby's, Münzen und Medaillen A.G., and E. Bourgey) where Levon's quarter double trams, billons

# COINAGE OF THE ARMENLAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE (ca. 260-70 B.C.) 

## Y. T. NERCESSIAN

(Plates 1-4)

## Introduction

Since the publication of Paul Z. Bedoukian's historic paper on the coins of Sophene ${ }^{1}$ and author's book on the coins of Armenia, ${ }^{2}$ numerous examples have surfaced in the numismatic sale catalogues. These coins ascribed to the kings of Sophene advanced our knowledge of Armenian numismatics in a substantial way, both in metrology and typology. They deserve our attention and need to be brought together to establish a perspective.

Information on all of these extremely rare coins is retrieved mostly from auction catalogues, Bedoukian's pioneering work, other scholarly papers, museums and private collections which remain unrecorded.

The aim of our typological study offered in this paper is to bring together all of the known information on the coins of Sophene. The present corpus has been prepared from printed photographs and author's collection.

Also, the catalogue offered is an attempt to publish together the photographs of all known coins of Sophene. Coins classified in the corpus of CSC (Nos. 1 to 19) have photographs of 16 obverses and 16 reverses ( 4 coins paired into 2 obverse and reverse illustrations); in this presentation 98 photographic illustrations grace the plates. Most of the coins catalogued in the Bedoukian corpus do not have photographs.

Hence, the prerequisite for our present study is having a photograph of each coin. There is a good reason for this. The coins of Arsames I with "horseman" design have two varieties. Both of the varieties are illustrated next to each other (Nos. 2 and 3) in the photographs of CSC plates, but there is no distinction in their descriptions. The poor preservation status of coin number 3 might be the reason for this.

The order of listing of coins under each respective ruler is done by weight ${ }^{3}$ and their grouping follows the same chalcus weight tables of the copper coin denominations which was used in a previous study. ${ }^{4}$ We would like to emphasize that the table we adopted is purely

[^6]arbitrary. ${ }^{5}$ And when the coins were in circulation, an exact denomination of the same token value may not have existed.

> SAMES
> (ca. 260 B.C.)


#### Abstract

1. Two chalci. Thyrsos of Dionysos.

Obv.: Head of Sames r. wearing pointed tiara with ends of diadem hanging at back of neck; behind head, a laurel branch. Border of dots. Rev.: Thyrsos of Dionysos, between two cornucopias interlaced. Legend to l. upward BAEIAE 1.a Data: Æ, $7.56 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ (CSC 1, ACV 1) Ex-Bedoukian ${ }^{6}$ coll. 1.b Data: Æ, (CSC 1, ACV 1)

Kovacs ${ }^{7}$ VIII-80 2 Æ Bibliothèque Nationale, 1 Æ Ex-Bedoukian, 1 Æ Hunterian Museum, 1 Æ Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna, 1 Æ Hermitage Museum


## ARSAMES I <br> (ca. 240 B.C.)

## 2. Four chalci. Horseman, Lion.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. wearing pointed tiara with drapes covering neck. Star l. of tiara.
Rev.: Horseman advancing r. at a springing lion. Two spears in his 1 . King holds a sword with his r. hand. Horse facing r., head up and foreleg raised toward the lion. Legend above horseman BALIAE $2 \Sigma /$ APLAMOY.
2.a Data: $\mathbb{E}, 6.45 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ (CSC 2a, ACV 2), only Rev. illus. with 3.a Ex-Bedoukian coll.
3. Two chalci. Horseman, Lion.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 2.
Rev.: Horseman and lion as 2.
3.a Data: Æ, $5.87 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing$ (CSC 2b, ACV 2), only Obv. illus. with 2.a Ex-Bedoukian coll.
3.b Data: Æ, $5.72 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 2, ACV 2, YN Cat. 1) $)^{8}$ YN4908
3.c Data: Æ, $5.55 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 2, ACV 2, same dies as 3.h) Ex-Kovacs, Kilimdgyan coll.
3.d Data: $\mathbb{E}, 5.13 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing\left(\mathrm{CSC} 2\right.$; ACV 2) ${ }^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ Gorny ${ }^{9}$ 186-1453
3.e Data: $\notin, 4.63 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 2 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{ACV} 2 \mathrm{v})^{\mathrm{SR}}$ YN5977

[^7]CNG72 ${ }^{10}-848$
YN5763
3.g Data: Æ, 4.59g-21ø-12h (CSC 2, ACV 2, YN Cat. 2)
3.h Data: ※, 4.52g-19ø-12h (CSC 2, ACV 2, FKII ${ }^{11}-1$, same dies as 3.c)
3.i Data: Æ, $4.14 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ (CSC 2, ACV 2, CNG61 ${ }^{12}$-882)

Kovacs coll. 1.0
Barsoumian coll.
GH165-503
1 Æ British Museum, 1 A Ex-Guevrekian

## 4. Two chalci. Horseman, Foot Soldiers.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 2.
Rev.: Horseman advancing r. with spear in r. hand and pointed at two foot soldiers facing him with shield and sword; below horse, a fallen soldier. Legend above horseman BAEIAE $\Sigma$ / APEAMOY.
4.a Data: $\nVdash, 5.61 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ - 9 h (CSC 2; ACV 3, FKII-2)

Kovacs coll. 2.0
4.b Data: $\notin, 5.03 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$-3h (CSC 2, ACV 3, CNG51 ${ }^{14}$-750)

Barsoumian col.
4.c Data: Æ, $5.02 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ (CSC 2, ACV 3)

CNG36 ${ }^{15}$-533
4.d Data: Æ, $4.64 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ (CSC 2, ACV 3)

CNG36-532
4.e Data: Æ, $4.54 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$-2h (CSC 2, ACV 2, YN Cat. 3)
4.f Data: Æ, $4.22 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ (CSC 2, ACV 3)

## 5. One chalcus. Horseman, Foot Soldiers.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 2.
Rev.: Horseman and foot soldiers as 4.
5.a Data: Æ, $3.65 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 2, \mathrm{ACV} 3)^{\mathrm{SR}}$

YN5951
5.b Data: Æ, $3.53 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 2, ACV 3, CNG27 ${ }^{16}$-1)
5.c Data: Æ, $3.45 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 2, \mathrm{ACV} 3)^{\mathrm{SR}}$
5.d Data: Æ, $2.92 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ (CSC 3, ACV 3)

## 6. One chalcus. Horse's Head.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 2.
Rev.: Horse's head ${ }^{17}$ and neck right. Legend to right downward [BA]EIAE[ $\Omega \Sigma$ ], to 1 . downward APEAMOY.
6.a Data: Æ, $2.91 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}\left(\mathrm{FKNew}^{18}-1\right)^{\mathrm{SR}}$

Kovacs coll. 3.0

## 7. Two chalci. Winged Thunderbolt.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 2. Star in 1. field.

[^8]Rev.: Winged thunderbolt with five rays. Legend to l. upward BAELAE $2 \Sigma$ / APEAMOY; to $r$. upward, uncertain, probably ӨEOLEBOYइ or ЄEOY.
7.a Data: $\nVdash, 4.45 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-8 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 4, ACV 4, YN Cat. 4)
7.b Data: $\nVdash, 3.96 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-2 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 4, ACV 4)
7.c Data: Æ, $3.95 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-2 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 4, ACV 4, YN Cat. 5)

YN5835
Sevrugian ${ }^{19}$ coll.
YN5595
8. One chalcus. Winged Thunderbolt.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 2.
Rev.: Winged thunderbolt as 7.
8.a Data: Æ, 3.61g-17ø (CSC 4, ACV 4) American Numismatic Society ${ }^{20}$ coll.

ARSAMES II
(ca. 230 B.C.)

## 9. Four chalci. Horseman.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. wearing tiara with flat top like a cap; a diadem encircles the head, ends in bow, and hangs down neck. Border of dots.
Rev.: Horseman advancing r. holding spear in r. hand and wearing similar headdress. Legend above horseman BAEIAESE / APEAMOY.
9.a Data: Æ, 8.35g-21ø (CSC 5, ACV 6) Ex-Bedoukian coll.
9.b Data: Æ, $6.60 \mathrm{~g}-20 ø\left(\operatorname{CSC} 5, \mathrm{ACV} 6\right.$, Babelon $\left.{ }^{21} 2\right) \quad$ Bibliothèque Nationale coll.

1 Æ Bibliothèque Nationale, 1 Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna

## 10. Two chalci. Horseman.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9.
Rev.: Horseman advancing as 9.
10.a Data: $\mathbb{E}, 5.62 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ - 11 h (CSC $5, \mathrm{ACV} 6$ )

CNG 72-849

## 11. Four chalci. Standing Nude Figure.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9.
Rev.: Nude figure standing and facing, r. arm extending from elbow and l. arm holding long club. Legend to r. downward BAEIAE $\Omega \Sigma$; to l. downward APEAMOY.
11.a Data: Æ, 7.61g-21ø-12h (CSC 6, ACV 7, CNG 36-534)

CNG85-2
11.b Data: Æ, $7.36 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 6, ACV 7, YN Cat. 6)

YN5596
12. Two chalci. Standing Nude Figure.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9.
Rev.: Standing figure as 11.
12.a Data: Æ, $5.72 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 6, ACV 7) ${ }^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ Kovacs coll. 4.g
12.b Data: $\notin, 5.71 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 6, \mathrm{ACV} 7)^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ YN5978
12.c Data: $\notin, 5.64 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\operatorname{CSC} 6, \mathrm{ACV} 7)^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ Kovacs coll. 4.b
12.d Data: Æ, $5.37 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ (CSC 6, ACV 7)

Ex-Bedoukian coll.

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## 13. Two chalci. King's Bust Right / Eagle Right.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9.
Rev.: Eagle standing r. holding thunderbolt. Legend to r. downward BA $\Sigma I \Lambda E \Omega \Sigma$; to 1 . downward APEAMOY.
13.a Data: Æ, $5.27 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset$ (CSC 7, ACV 8)
13.b Data: Æ, $4.78 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}}$
13.c Data: Æ, $4.73 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}}$
$\begin{array}{lll}13 . \mathrm{c} & \text { Data: } & \text { 13, } 4.73 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset(\mathrm{~d} \\ \text { Data: } & Æ, 4.52 \mathrm{~g}-17 \emptyset-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}} & \text { YN5979 }\end{array}$
13.e Data: Æ, $4.38 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}}$
13.f Data: Æ, $4.34 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7$, ACV 8) SR
13.g Data: Æ, 4.17g-17ø-12h (CSC 7, ACV 8) ${ }^{\text {SR }}$
13.h Data: Æ, 4.11g-17ø-12h (CSC 7, ACV 8) ${ }^{\mathrm{SR}}$
13.i Data: Æ, 4.03g-18ø-12h (CSC 7, ACV 8) ${ }^{\text {SR }}$
13.j Data: Æ, 3.98g-16ø-12h (CSC 7, ACV 8)
13.k Data: Æ, 3.87g-16ø (CSC 7, ACV 8, NFA X ${ }^{23}-227$ )

Ex-Bedoukian coll.<br>Gorny 186-1478<br>Kovacs coll. 6.c<br>YN5980<br>Kovacs coll. 6.e<br>YN5953<br>Gorny 186-1479<br>Kovacs coll. 6.0<br>CNG85-3<br>Ex-Bedoukian coll.<br>1 ※ Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna

## 14. One chalcus King's Bust Right / Eagle Right.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9.
Rev.: Eagle standing r. as 13.
14.a Data: Æ, $3.64 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}}$

Kovacs coll. 6.b
14.b Data: Æ $3.61 \mathrm{~g}-17.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\operatorname{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{sR}}$

YN5954
15. Two chalci. King's Bust Left / Eagle Right.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 9, but 1 .
Rev.: Eagle standing r. as 13.
15.a Data: Æ, $4.07 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$-10h (CSC 7v, ACV 8v, FKII-3)

Ex-Kovacs, Kilimdgyan coll.
16. One chalcus King's Bust Left / Eagle Right.

Obv.: Head of Arsames as 15.
Rev.: Eagle standing r. as 15.
16.a Data: Æ, $3.71 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 7, ACV 8v, FKNew-3) ${ }^{\text {SR }}$
16.b Data: Æ, $3.12 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}\left(\mathrm{CSC} 7\right.$, ACV 8v) ${ }^{\text {SR }}$

Kovacs coll. 7.0
16.c Data: Æ, $3.08 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7 \text {, ACV 8v) })^{\mathrm{SR}}$

Kovacs coll. 7.a
YN5981
YN5964

## 17. Two chalci. Caps of Dioscuri / King's Bust Right. Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 9.

[^10]Rev.: Caps of Dioscuri. Legend to r. downward BALIAE $\Omega \Sigma$; to l. downward APEAMOY, crosses on caps.
17.a Data: Æ, $4.09 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 8, ACV 9) $)^{\mathrm{SR}}$ Kovacs coll. 8.c
18. One chalcus. Caps of Dioscuri / King's Bust Right.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 17.
Rev.: Caps of Dioscuri as 17.
18.a Data: Æ, $3.52 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ (CSC 8, ACV 9), ${ }^{\mathrm{SR}}$ crosses on caps

Gorny 186-1480
18.b Data: Æ, $3.43 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 8, ACV 9), ${ }^{\text {SR }}$ crosses on caps YN5983
18.c Data: Æ, $3.31 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 8, ACV 9), ${ }^{\text {sR }}$ stars on caps YN5965
18.d Data: Æ, $3.25 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ (CSC 8, ACV 9, NFA X-227), crosses on caps Ex-Bedoukian coll.
18.e Data: Æ, $3.23 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 8, ACV 9), ${ }^{\text {SR }}$ crosses on caps YN5955
18.f Data: Æ, $3.03 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 8v, ACV 9v), ${ }^{\text {SR }}$ stars on caps YN5982
18.g Data: Æ, 2.85g-14ø-12h (CSC 8, ACV 9), ${ }^{\text {sR }}$ crosses on caps YN5956
18.h Data: Æ, $2.50 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ Kovacs coll. 8.0
18.i Data: Æ, $2.35 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{CSC} 7, \mathrm{ACV} 8)^{\mathrm{SR}} \quad$ Kovacs coll. 8.d

## 19. One chalcus. Caps of Dioscuri / King's Bust Left.

Obv.: Head of Arsames r. as 9, but 1 .
Rev.: Caps of Dioscuri. Traces of legend to r. downward [BAEIAE $2 \Sigma$ ]; to l. downward APEAMOY.
19.a Data: Æ, $3.74 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 8 v, ACV 9 v ), ${ }^{\text {SR }}$ crosses on caps

YN5984
19.b Data: Æ, $3.46 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ (FKNew-4), ${ }^{\text {sR }}$ stars on caps

Kovacs coll. 9.0

## XERXES

(ca. 220 B.C.)
20. Two chalci. Victory.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes r. wearing folded tiara; diademed with ribbon hanging behind head. In l. field monogram $£$. Border of dots.
Rev.: Victory standing l. holding crown in extended r. hand, 1 . hand resting on belt of tunic. Legend to r. downward BAEINE $\Sigma \Sigma$; to l. downward XEPXOY. In field monogram NK.
20.a Data: Æ, $5.43 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ (CSC 9, ACV 10)

Ex-Bedoukian coll.
20.b Data: $\mathbb{E}, 5.42 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$ (CSC 9, ACV 10, Babelon 6) Bibliothèque Nationale coll.
20.c Data: Æ, $5.10 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ (CSC 9, ACV 10)

CNG36-536
20.d Data: Æ, $5.08 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 9, ACV 10, CNG36-535)

CNG85-6
1 压 Berlin Museum, 1 Æ Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna
21. One chalcus. Victory.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes as 20. Monogram partially visible.
Rev.: Victory standing as 20. In field monogram NK.
21.a Data: Æ, 3.49g-17.6ø-11h (CSC 9, ACV 10)

Ex-Kalaijian coll., History Museum of Armenia, Er17620/2

## 22. Half chalcus. Victory.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes as 20.

Rev.: Victory standing as 20 , but with letter N .
22.a Data: Æ, $1.89 \mathrm{~g}-14 ø$ (CSC 13, ACV 11)

British Museum
$1 \notin$ Bibliothèque Nationale with " H " letter, 1 Æ Ex-Rollin with "Z" letter

## 23. Two chalci. Athena Seated.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes as 20.
Rev.: Athena seated holding a figure (Minerva?) in extended r. hand; 1. hand resting on large shield. Legend to r. downward BAEIAE $\Omega \Sigma$; to 1 . downward XEPXOY.
23.a Data Æ, $4.51 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing$ (CSC 10, ACV 12)

British Museum
23.b Data Æ, $3.84 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 10, ACV 12)

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24. Half chalcus. Athena Seated.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes as 20.
Rev.: Athena seated as 23.
24.a Data: Æ, $1.90 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing$ (CSC 14, ACV 13)

Bibliothèque Nationale coll.
$1 \nprec$ Hermitage Museum

## 25. Half chalcus. Athena Standing.

Obv.: Bearded head of Xerxes as 20.
Rev.: Athena standing 1. holding crown in extended r. hand and resting l. arm on shield. Legend to r. downward BAEIAE $\Sigma \Sigma$; to l. downward XEPXOY.
25.a Data: Æ, $2.52 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing(\operatorname{CSC~15,~ACV~14)~Bibliothèque~Nationale~coll.~}$
25.b Data: Æ, $1.90 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing(\operatorname{CSC} 9, \mathrm{ACV} 10$, Babelon 7) Bibliothèque Nationale coll.

1 Æ Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna, 1 Æ Hermitage Museum

## ABDISSARES

(ca. 210 B.C.)

## 26. Four chalci. Eagle Standing r.

Obv.: Head of Abdissares r., lightly bearded, wearing folded tiara; diademed with ribbon hanging behind head. Beaded border.
Rev.: Eagle standing r. Legend to r. downward BAEIAESE; to l. downward AB $\triangle I \Sigma \Sigma A P O Y .{ }^{24}$
26.a Data: Æ, $9.44 \mathrm{~g}-24 \varnothing$ (CSC 16b, ACV 15), only Rev. illus. with 27.a Berlin Mus. coll.
26.b Data: Æ, $7.51 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 7, ACV 8 CNG27-2, CNG85-7, cleaned) Kovacs coll. 10.a
26.c Data: Æ, $7.40 \mathrm{~g}-23 \varnothing$ (CSC 16, ACV 15, Babelon 3) Bibliothèque Nationale coll.
$1 \notin$ American Numismatic Society, 1 Æ Berlin Museum, 1 Æ Ex-Guevrekian

## 27. Two chalci. Eagle Standing r.

Obv.: Head of Abdissares as 27.
Rev.: Eagle standing as 27.
27.a Data: Æ, $5.71 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ (CSC 16a, ACV 15), only Obv. illus. with 26 .a Ex-Bedoukian coll. 27.b Data: Æ, $5.36 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ (CSC 16, ACV 15, CNG ${ }^{25} 82-700$ ) Kovacs coll. 10.0
27.c Data: Æ, $4.88 \mathrm{~g}-20 ø$ (CSC 16; ACV 15)

CNG36-537

[^11]28. One chalcus. Eagle Standing r.

Obv.: Head of Abdissares as 27.
Rev.: Eagle standing as 27.
28.a Data: Æ, $3.18 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing$-12h (CSC 17v, ACV 16, FKII-5)
28.b Data: Æ, $2.99 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ (CSC 17; ACV 16)
28.c Data: Æ, 2.73g-14ø-12h (CSC 17v, ACV 16, FKII-4)
28.d Data: Æ, 2.15g-12ø (CSC 17, ACV 16, Babelon 4)
$1 \not \subset$ American Numismatic Society, 1 Æ Mekhitarian Museum in Vienna
29. Half chalcus. Horse's Head.

Obv.: Head of Abdissares r. as 27.
Rev.: Horse's head right, bridled. Legend above to r. BAIAE $\Omega \Sigma$, below to r. AB $\triangle I \Sigma \Sigma A P O Y$.
29.a Data: Æ, $1.85 \mathrm{~g}-12 \varnothing$ (CSC 17, ACV 16, Babelon 5) Bibliothèque Nationale coll.

ZARIADRES<br>(ca. 190 B.C.)

30. One chalcus. Deity (Anaitis).

Obv.: Head of Zariadres r., wearing a tiara with flaps tied under chin. Border of dots.
Rev.: Deity (Anaitis ?) standing facing; r. hand raised, holding flowers; at feet two sphinxes, seated, back to back and facing. Legend to r. downward ANIEA / $\Delta \Omega$; to 1 . downward $\triangle$ IAPI. Border of dots.
30.a Data: Æ, $5.42 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ (CSC 18, ACV 17)

1 ※ Berlin Museum

## ARKATHIUS <br> (early 2nd Century B.C.)

## 31. One chalcus. Nike Standing r.

Obv.: Bearded head of king left, wearing folded tiara with diadem and drape.
Rev.: Nike standing right, holding uncertain object in extended right hand, 1. hand resting on side. Legend to r. downward [B]ALIAE[ $\Omega \Sigma$ ]; to 1 . downward APKAӨIOY.
31.a Data: Æ, $3.09 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing$ (CSC ---, ACV ---)

CNG51 ${ }^{26}$-751
31.b Data: Æ, 2.33g-14ø (CSC ---, ACV ---)

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## MORPHILIG

(ca. 150 B.C.)
32. One chalcus. Deity (Anaitis).

Obv.: Head of Morphilig turned r., wearing pointed tiara with flaps tied under chin.
Rev.: Deity (Anaitis ?) standing. Legend to r. downward $\triangle \Sigma A P I[A \triangle P I O \Sigma]$; below deity MOPI[ФINIOえ].
32.a Data: $\notin, 2.89 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$-2h (CSC 19, ACV 18, CNG36-538)

CNG85-8
1 Æ British Museum

## ARTANES, ARSACES

(110-94 B.C., after 70 B.C.)

No known coins.

Table 1. The extant of total Sophene coinage

| Ruler | Number of known coins <br> $(1983)^{28}$ |  | Number of coins illustrated |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sames (ca. 260 B.C.) | 7 | 8 | 2 |
| Arsames I (ca. 240 B.C.) | 7 | 29 | 25 |
| Arsames II (ca. 230 B.C.) | 13 | 53 | 45 |
| Xerxes (ca. 220 B.C.) | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| Abdissares (ca. 210 B.C.) | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Zariadres (ca. 190 B.C.) | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Arkathius |  |  |  |
| (early 2nd Century B.C.) | -- | 2 | 2 |
| Morphilig (ca. 150 B.C.) | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Artanes (ca, 110-94 B.C.) | --- | --- | --- |
| Arsaces (after 70 B.C.) | --- | --- | 98 |
| Total | 53 | 130 |  |

## Conclusion

Table 1 (the extant of total Sophene coins) eloquently demonstrates that the coins of Arsames I and Arsames II were quadrupled in a period of twenty-five years; the coins of Xerxes, Zariadres, and Morphilig were nearly doubled. Whereas the coins of Sames and Abdissares increased by a smaller percentage.

[^13]We have coins ascribed to a new ruler named Arkathius (Nos. 31.a and b). The design has certain similarities to those of Xerxes with Nike reverse, where Nike is standing to left; where as on both examples of Arkathius, Nike is standing to right. ${ }^{29}$

The coins of Arsames I with "horseman" design, as we noted earlier, have two variations. In one case the design on the reverse is horseman advancing to right toward a springing lion (Nos. 2 and 3 ); ${ }^{30}$ in the second variation, on the reverse the horseman is advancing to right and his spear is pointed at the foot soldiers (Nos. 4 and 5). ${ }^{31}$

From the newly surfaced coins of Arsames I, a new design is discovered where the horse's head and neck to right is engraved on the reverse (No. 6) of a singular example.

However, the most diverse design variations are demonstrated on the coins of Arsames II. On numerous examples of two different coin types, eagle and caps of Dioscuri design on the reverses (Nos. 15, 16 and 19), the facing bust of Arsames is engraved to left instead of right. ${ }^{32}$ Also, numerous examples have six or eight-pointed stars instead of crosses on the top of the caps of Dioscuri (Nos. 18.c, f, and 19.b).

Based on the data tabulated in Table 1, during the past twenty-five years, the inventory of known Sophene coins is increased from 53 to 130 pieces-nearly two and a half times. ${ }^{33}$

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1.b

3.a/2.a

3.b

3.c
3.d

3.h

3.i

4.c

4.d

4.e

4.f
5.a

6.a
7.a


Sames (1.a-1.b), Arsames I (2.a-7.b)
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Arsames I (7.c-8.a), Arsames II (9.a-13.g)
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15.a

13.j

16.b

16.c

16.d

17.a

18.a

18.b

18.c

18.e

18.f

18.g

19.b

20.a


Arsames II (13.h-19.b), Xerxes (20.a)
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Xerxes (20.b-25.b), Abdissares (26.a-29.a), Zariadres (30.a), Arkathius (31.a-31.b), Morphilig (32.a)
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inscribed in Armenian, and billons inscribed in Latin have been published or catalogued for sale. Nercessian constructs a catalogue for each type of coin, based on obverse and reverse dies. Near the end of his paper, the author provides additional information, in a tabulated format, on the metrology and past history of these pedigree coins. It is interesting to note that only 5 quarter double trams, 3 Armenan-inscribed billons, and 6 Latin-inscribed billons are known to the author. All coins are illustrated in the photographic plates. Also, the plates include all line drawings which have been published in various numismatic works. Author















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19. As above, 5 -pointed tiara with comet star and no eagles. 2 Chalci. Straight Palm-branch. Legend to r. downward BAEI $\triangle E \Omega \Sigma$; to l. downward TIГPANOY. Below palm-branch in exergue $\triangle H M$ letters. Æ $3.74 \mathrm{~g}-17 \mathrm{~mm}-12 \mathrm{~h}$. ACV110, CAA121v, Inv. 6010, VF+. $\qquad$ $\$ 450$
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23. As above, 5 -pointed tiara with comet star and no eagles. $1 / 2$ Chalcus. Horse to r., head down and grazing. Legend above BAEIAE $2 \Sigma$; below the horse TIГPANOY. To l. of horse $\triangle \mathrm{HMO}$ letters. Æ 2.16 g -12mm-11h. ACV121v, CAA---, Inv. 6013, VF \$195
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29. As above. Æ $7.19 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-12 \mathrm{~h}$. ACV214, RPC 3707 Inv. 6019, F+
$\$ 450$
Commagene, Samosata (31 B.C. -A.D. 38)
30 Obv.: Head of Zeus r., laureate. Rev.: Lionwalking r. Legend above $\Sigma A M O ;$ below CAT $\omega$. Æ $8.07 \mathrm{~g}-$ 19mm-8h. ACV237, RPC3851 Inv. 6020, -VF \$175
30. Commagene, unknown ruler. Armenian tiara with 4 peaks. 6 -rayed star, $\Delta$. Circular legend. Rev.: Horse and circular legend in Greek. Æ $7.72 \mathrm{~g}-$ 23mm-12h. ACV244, Inv. 6021, VF \$395
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## MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

## Dear Friends and Members:

Once again we have written this editorial to announce a small increase in membership dues and subscription rates. Writing this editorial saddens us since in some ways it is counterproductive, we lose some more members and subscribers. On the other hand, increases in the cost of producing and mailing our Journal does not give us any other option.
During the last few years, also, we have had some problems with our U.S. postal delivery system. We have had numerous copies of our Journal "lost." When incidents like this happen, members or subscribers write to us, complain, and request a free replacement copy. To one mailing address, we had to mail three times the same issue of the Journal.
Having this in mind, the new rates for the year 2012 are: annual membership dues for U.S. members $\$ 50$, foreign members $\$ 60$, non-member U.S. subscriptions $\$ 70$, nonmember foreign subscriptions $\$ 80$. We are hoping that donations and income from membership dues and subscriptions will cover our Journal production and mailing expenses, and hopefully we do not have to repeat this announcement very soon. Please remember that there is no more surface mail posted to foreign countries. All mail going out of the United States (letters, periodicals, and books) must go AIR MAIL. Unfortunately, this hurts our book business (for some books the shipping costs more than the book price), but that is the way it is.
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## LETTERS AND E-MANILS TO THIE EDITOR

Together with Patrick Pasmans, a good friend and collegue-numismatist, I am planning a visit to Vienna-Austria and study the coins of Commagene in the Kunsthistorisches Museum (13-17 april 2011). In my search, a while ago, I came along 'The Mechitarian Museum-Library in Vienna', where there should be a coin of Sames II. I would take the opportunity to see also their numismatic collection on Commagene, if possible. I was thinking that maybe you know somebody within this Armenian organisation/congregation. Here comes my question : If you do so, can you ask if it is permitted that I can study also their coins of Commagene, while in Vienna? I hope, I don't give you too much trouble, asking you this. With a great portion of curiosity I await your answer.

I have prepared an article about Baron Roupen copper coins. These coins, although poorly struck and having poor esthetics, have an interesting story to tell. They are the prototype for Cilician copper coins to come. I have searched the internet to find images of the Baron's coins and have asked the owners for permission to print them in an article. I am submitting it for publication if you feel it is worth while. The only problem is, I am not sure how to import the writings of Paul Bedoukian and your work on these coins. Also, I cannot read the letters. If the letters could be read and labeled on the coins, they would be very helpful for the reader. The owner of the coin images from Armenia asked if they could publish this article also. Again, it is not finished to my liking. ...
The second annual eLit Awards are a global awards program committed to illuminating and honoring the very best of English language digital publishing entertainment. The 2011-12 eLit Awards were created as an industry wide, unaffiliated awards program open to all members of the electronic publishing industry. The contest is presented by Jenkins Group Inc., a Michigan-based book publishing and marketing services company that has operated the popular Independent Publisher Book Awards contest since 1996. The eLit Awards celebrate the ever growing market of electronic publishing in the wide variety of reader formats. Hail the revolutionary world of ebooks and join the awards program that's highlighting the best in electronic reading entertainment! ...

Chuck Hajinian
My competitive Armenian numismatic displays were once again recognized at the recently concluded Central States convention. "A Medieval Armenian Coin Hoard" won second in class in foreign coins, and "Armenia 1919: The Artistic Banknotes" won third in class in foreign paper money. As in the last few years, competition was extremely tough with numerous superb exhibits. Under separate cover, I will send you the booklet issued for this event, with abstracts of all exhibits that were at the show.

Levon Saryan
I got a copy of the magazine "Armenian Numismatic Journal." What does it mean?
David Aleksanian
Editor's response: It includes articles on the study of Armenian coins.

## DONATIONS

(Period ending 30 September 2010)


## METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE

Sames (ca. 260 B.C.)

| No. | CSC | Metrological Data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ACV | wt.-diam.-die axis |  |

Sames (ca. 260 B.C.)
Thyrsos of Dionysos
4 Chalci

| 1 | 1 | 7.69 g | CSC1PB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | $7.56 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | CSC1PB |
| 3 | 1 | 6.14 g | CSC1Hermitage |

Avg. $=21.39 \div 3=7.13 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
2 Chalci

| 4 | 1 | $4.80 g$ | CSC1BN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5 | 1 | $4.15 g$ | CSC1BN |

ACV1, Hunterian, WiM
Avg. $=8.95 \div 2=4.48 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=30.34 \div 5=6.07 \mathrm{~g}$ weight


Ch. 1.1, Thyrsos of Dionysos

Tot.Avg. $=22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter

Table 1.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Sames coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | ※ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Thyrsos of Dionysos | 5 | 6.07 g |
| Total | 5 |  |

Table 1.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Sames coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Thyrsos of Dionysos | 1 | 22 mm |
| Total | 71 |  |



Chart 1.2, Average weights of Sames copper coins (grams)

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE 

## Arsames I (ca. 240 B.C.)

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Arsames I (ca. 240 B.C.) Horseman Advancing Right 4 Chalci

| 1 | 2 | $6.45 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | CSC2PB |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Avg. $=6.45 \mathrm{~g}$ weight <br> Avg. $=22 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 2 Chalci |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | 5.87g-23ø | CsC2PB |
| 3 | 2 | $5.72 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 5.61g-19ø-9h | FK2 |
| 5 | 2 | $5.55 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Ex-FK, SK |
| 6 | --- | $5.13 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ Gorny 186-1453 |  |
| 7 | 3 | $5.03 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$-3h CNG51-750VB |  |
| 8 | 2 | $5.02 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ | CNG36-533 |
| 9 | 3 | $4.64 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ ACv3 | CNG36-532 |
| 10 | 2 | $4.63 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5977 |
| 11 | 3 | $4.62 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG72-848 |
| 12 | 2 | $4.59 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat2 |
| 13 | 3 | $4.54 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-2 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat3 |
| 14 | 2 | $4.52 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK1 |
| 15 | 2 | 4.51 g | CSC2BM |
| 16 | 2 | $4.22 g-19 \varnothing$ | CNG36-531 |
| 17 | 2 | $4.14 \mathrm{~g}-20 ø \quad$ CN | G61-882V |

Avg. $=78.34 \div 16=4.90$ g weight
Avg. $=291 \div 15=19.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=6 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}$ (9) die axis orientation

## 1 Chalcus

| 18 | 3 | 3.65g-18ø-12h | YN5951 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | 3 | 3.53g-17ø-12h | CNG27-1, |
|  |  |  | CNG85-1 |
| 20 | 3 | 3.45g-18ø-12h | FK2.a |
| 21 | 3 | 3.18 g | CSC3PB |
| 22 | 3 | 2.92g-16ø | CSC3PB |
| 23 | 3 | -18ø | GH165-503 |
| Avg. $=16.73 \div 5=3.35 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=87 \div 5=17.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=3 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientatio |  |  |  |

## No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Tot.Avg. $=101.52 \div 22=4.61 \mathrm{~g}$ weight Tot.Avg. $=400 \div 21=19.05 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter Tot.Avg. $=9 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}(12)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.1, Horseman advancing r.

## Horse's Head Right

1 Chalcus
1 --- 2.91g-15ø-12h FKNew1
Tot.Avg. $=2.91 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=15 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 2.2, Horse's head r.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { No. } & \text { CSC } & \text { Metrological Data } \\ & \text { ACV } & \text { wt.-diam.-die axis }\end{array}$
No. CSC Metrological Data Source

## Winged Thunderbolt

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.45g-19ø-8h |  |  |  |
| 2 | 4 | $3.96 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-2 \mathrm{~h}$ | ACV4ES |
|  | 4 | 3.95g-19ø-2h |  |
| Avg. $=12.36 \div 3=4.12 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=55 \div 3=18.33 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=2 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 8 / \mathrm{h}(3)$ die axis orientation |  |  |  |

1 Chalcus
4
$3.61 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$
CSC4ANS
WiM
Avg. $=3.81 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=15.97 \div 4=3.99 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=72 \div 4=18 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=2 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 8 \mathrm{~h}(3)$ die axis orient.

ACV wt.-diam.-die axis


Ch. 2.3, Winged thunderbolt

Table 2.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Arsames I coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 22 | 4.61 g |
| Horse's Head Right | 1 | 2.91 g |
| Winged Thunderbolt | 4 | 3.99 |
| Total | 27 |  |

Table 2.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Arsames I coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 21 | 19.05 mm |
| Horse's Head Right | 1 | 15 mm |
| Winged Thunderbolt | 4 | 18 mm |
| Total | 26 |  |

Table 2.3. Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Arsames I coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | £ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 12 | $9 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 3 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 9 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Horse's Head Right | 1 | 12 h |
| Winged Thunderbolt | 3 | $2 / 2 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 8 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 16 |  |



Chart 2.4, Average weights of Arsames I copper coins (grams)

## ARMENIAN NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

16 ASBAREZ. Kedronakan dramatuň t'ogharkats ē Avetarani Ttesaranov artsatē chors hushadram [The Central Bank has issued Four Commemorative Silver Coins with Sceneries

 illus. In Armenian.
The Central bank of Armenia has issued four commemorative silver coins in the "Gospel Scenes in Armenian Miniatrure Paintings" international numismatic program. They are entitled "Anunciation," "Worship of Magi," "Ascention," and "Jerusalem Entry." Each one has been issued 6,000 examples with a nominal value of 1000 drams.

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# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE 

## Arsames II (ca. 230 B.C.)

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

| Arsames II (ca. 230 B.C.) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right |  |  |  |  |
| 4 Chalci |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 15 | 5 | $8.35 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing$ | CSC5PB |
| 2 | 25 | 5 | $6.60 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ | Babelon2 |
| Avg. $=14.95 \div 2=7.48 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=41 \div 2=20.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Chalci |  |  |  |  |
|  | 35 | 5 | 5.62g-20ø-11h | CNG72-849 |

Avg. $=5.62 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=20 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 1 \mathrm{lh}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=20.57 \div 3=6.86 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=61 \div 3=20.33 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 3.1, Horseman advancing r.

## Nude Figure Standing

4 Chalci

| 1 | 6 | $7.61 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | ACV7 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | ---: |
|  |  | CNG36-534, CNG85-2 |  |
| 2 | 6 | $7.36 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | YNCat6 |
| 3 | 6 | 6.41 g | CSC6PB |
| Avg. $=$ | $21.38 \div 3=7.13 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |
| Avg. $=$ | $41 \div 2=20.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |
| Avg. | $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation |  |  |

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

2 Chalci

| 4 | 7 | $5.72 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK4.g |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 7 | $5.71 \mathrm{~g}-20 ø-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5978 |
| 6 | 7 | $5.64 \mathrm{~g}-21 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK4.b |
| 7 | 6 | $5.37 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing$ | CSC6PB |
| 8 | 7 | $5.33 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK4.c |
| 9 | 7 | $5.12 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | Ex-FK. SK |
| 10 | 7 | $5.10 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK4.0 |
| 11 | 7 | 5.05g-18ø-12h | FK4.d |
| 12 | 6 | $4.96 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ - 1 h | YN5952 |
| 13 | 7 | 4.73g-19ø-12h | FK4.e |
| 14 | 6 | $4.14 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FKNew2 |

FK5.0, MM17-990 BM3examples
Avg. $=56.87+11=5.17 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=209 \div 11=19 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=9 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(10)$ die axis orient.
Tot.Avg. $=78.25 \div 14=5.59 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=250 \div 13=19.23 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=10 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}(12)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 3.2, Nude Figure standing

## Eagle Standing Right/King's Bust Right

 2 Chalci| 1 | 7 | $5.27 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ | CSC7PB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | --- | $4.78 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ | Gorny $186-1478$ |

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## 2 Chalci

| 3 |  | 4.73g-17ø Gorny 186-1479 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 8 | $4.52 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5979 |
| 5 | 8 | $4.38 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK6.c |
| 6 | 8 | $4.34 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5980 |
| 7 | 8 | $4.17 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK6.0 |
| 8 | 7 | $4.11 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5953 |
| 9 | 8 | $4.03 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK6.0 |
| 10 | 8 | $3.98 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG85-3 |
| 11 | 8 | $3.87 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing$ ACV | NFA X227 |
| Avg. $=48.18 \div 11=4.38 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |  |
| Avg. $185 \div 11=16.82 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter |  |  |  |
| Avg. $=7 / 12$ die axds orientation |  |  |  |

1 Chalcus

| 12 | 8 | $3.64 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK6.b |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 13 | 7 | $3.61 \mathrm{~g}-17.5 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN4954 |
|  |  |  | WiM |

Avg. $=7.25 \div 2=3.63 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=34.5 \div 2=17.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
Tot.Avg. $=55.43+13=4.26 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=219.5 \div 13=16.88 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=9 / 10 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 3.3, Eagle standing r. / King's bust r.

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Eagle Standing Right/King's Bust Left
2 Chalci
\(1 \quad 8 \mathrm{v} \quad 4.07 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-10 \mathrm{~h} \quad\) FK3
Avg. = 4.07g weight
Avg. = 17mm diameter
Avg. = 1/10h die axis orientation
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No. CSC Metrological Data wt.-diam.-die axis

1 Chalcus

| 2 | 8 v | $3.7 \mathrm{lg}-18 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | FKNew3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 3 | 8 v | $3.12 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK7.a |
| 4 | 8 v | $3.08 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5981 |
| 5 | 8 v | $3.03 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5964 |
| Avg. | $=12.94 \div 4=3.24 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |

Avg. $=68 \div 4=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(4)$ die axis orient.
Tot.Avg. $=17.01 \div 5=3.40 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=85 \div 5=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(5)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 3.4, Eagle standing r. / King's bust 1.
Caps of Dioscuri/King's Bust Right 2 Chalci
$19 \quad 9.09 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h} \quad$ FK8.c
Avg. $=4.09 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=17 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

## 1 Chalcus

| 2 | --- | $3.52 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ | Gorny $186-1480$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 3 | 9 | $3.43 g-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5983 |
| 4 | 8 v | $3.31 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | CNG85-5 |
| 5 | 8 | $3.25 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ NFA | X228,CSC8PB |
| 6 | 9 | $3.23 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN4955 |
| 7 | 9 | $3.03 \mathrm{~g}-15 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5982 |
| 8 | 9 | $2.85 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN4956 |
| 9 | 9 | $2.50 \mathrm{~g}-17 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK8.0 |

Arsames II (ca. 230 B.C.)

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

1 Chalcus
$10 \quad 9 \quad 2.35 g-14 \varnothing-12 h \quad$ FK8.d
Avg. $=27.47 \div 9=3.05 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=136 \div 9=15.11 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 6 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(7)$ die axis orient.
Tot.Avg. $=31.56 \div 10=3.16 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=153 \div 10=15.3 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 7 / 12 \mathrm{~h}(8)$ die axis orientation


Ch. 3.5, Caps of Dioscuri / King's bust r.

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Caps of Dioscuri/King's Bust Left 1 Chalcus

| 1 | 9 | $3.74 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | YN5984 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | --- | $3.46 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing-1 \mathrm{~h}$ | FKNew4 |
| Tot.Avg. | $=7.20 \div 2=3.60 \mathrm{~g}$ weight |  |  |



Ch. 3.6, Caps of Dioscuri / King's bust 1.

Table 3.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Arsames II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 3 | 6.86 g |
| Nude Figure Standing | 14 | 5.59 g |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust R. | 13 | 4.26 g |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust Left | 5 | 3.40 g |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Right | 10 | $3,16 \mathrm{~g}$ |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Left | 2 | 3.60 g |
| Total | 47 |  |

Table 3.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Arsames II coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | \& Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 3 | 20.33 mm |
| Nude Figure Standing | 13 | 19.23 mm |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust R. | 13 | 16.88 mm |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust Left | 5 | 17 mm |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Right | 10 | 15.3 mm |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Left | 2 | 17.5 mm |
| Total | 46 |  |

Table 3.3 Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Arsames II cop.

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | A Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Horseman Advancing Right | 1 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Nude Figure Standing | 12 | $10 / 12 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 1 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust R. | 9 | $9 / 10 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Eagle Standing R./Bust Left | 5 | $1 / 10 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Right | 8 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 7 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Caps of Dioscuri/Bust Left | 2 | $1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}, 1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 37 |  |



Chart 3.7, Average weights of Arsames II copper coins (grams)

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Xerxes (ca. 220 B.C.)


ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Xerxes (ca. 220 B.C.)
Victory Standing Left
2 Chalci

| 1 | 9 | $5.43 g-19 \varnothing$ | CSC9PB |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 9 | $5.42 g$ | CSC9BN |
| 3 | 9 | $5.10 g-19 ø A C V 10, C N G 36-536$ |  |
| 4 | 9 | $5.08 g-19 \varnothing-11 \mathrm{~h}$ | ACV10 |
|  |  |  | CNG36-535, 85-6 |
| 5 | 9 | 4.97 g | CSC9Berlin |

Avg. $=26.00 \div 5=5.2 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=57 \div 3=19.0 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
1 Chalcus
$6 \quad 9 \mathrm{v} \quad 3.49 \mathrm{~g}-17.6 ø-11$ her $17620 / 2$

Avg. $=3.49 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=17.6 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation
$1 / 2$ Chalcus
7 13v
$1.89 g-14 ø$
CSC13BM
WiM

Avg. $=1.89 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=14 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=31.38 \div 7=4.48 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=58.6 \div 5=17.72 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 4.1, Victory standing r.

No. CSC Metrological Data Source
ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## Athena Seated Left

2 Chalci

| 1 | 10 | $4.51 \mathrm{~g}-18 \varnothing$ | CSC 10BM |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 10 | $3.84 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | JC664 |

Avg. $=8.35 \div 2=4.18 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=37 \div 2=18.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

## 1/2 Chalcus

| 3 | 11 | $1.90 g$ | CSC11BN |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 4 | 14 | $1.90 g-13 \emptyset$ | ACV11,CSC14BN |
|  | CSCRollin/Langlois, pp. 14-15, Hermitage |  |  |



Ch. 4.2, Athena seated left


Ch. 4.3, Athena standing left

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

Avg. $=3.80 \div 2=1.90 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=13 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=12.15 \div 4=3.04 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=50 \div 3=16.67 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## Athena Standing Left

1 Chalcus
$115 \quad 2.52 \mathrm{~g}-13 \varnothing$

CSC15BN
WiM, Hermitage

Tot.Avg. $=2.52 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=13 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter

Table 4.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Xerxes coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Victory Standing Left | 7 | 4.48 g |
| Athena Seated | 4 | 3.04 g |
| Athena Standing | 1 | 2.52 g |
| Total | 12 |  |

Table 4.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Xerxes coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Victory Standing Left | 5 | 17.72 mm |
| Athena Seated | 3 | 16.67 mm |
| Athena Standing | 1 | 13 mm |
| Total | 9 |  |

Table 4.3, Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Xerxes coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Victory Standing Left | 2 | $2 / 11 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Athena Seated | 1 | $1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Athena Standing | --- | $\cdots-$ |
| Total | 3 |  |



Chart 4.4, Average weights of Xerxes copper coins (grams)

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## Abdissares (ca. 210 B.C.)

No. CSC Metrological Data Source ACV wt.-diam.-die axis

## Abdissares (ca. 210 B.C.) Eagle Standing Right

 4 Chalci| 1 | 16 | $9.44 g-24 \varnothing$ | CSC16Berlin |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | 16 | 7.77 g | CSC16JG |
| 1 | 16 | $7.51 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK10.a |
|  |  |  | CNG27-2, CNG85-7 |
| 4 | 16 | 7.40 g | CSC16BN |
| 5 | 16 | 7.25 g | CSC16Berlin |
| 6 | 16 | 6.73 g | CSC16ANS |

Avg. $=46.10 \div 6=7.68 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=43 \div 2=21.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

## 2 Chalci

| 7 | 16 | $5.71 \mathrm{~g}-22 \varnothing$ | CSC16PB <br> 8 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | 15 | $5.36 \mathrm{~g}-19 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FLK10.0 <br> CNG82-700 |
| 9 | 16 | $4.88 \mathrm{~g}-20 \varnothing$ ACV15.CNG36-537 |  |

1 Chalcus

| 10 | 16 v | $3.18 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 11 | 17 | $2.99 \mathrm{~g}-16 \varnothing$ | CSC17BM |
| 12 | 16 | $2.73 \mathrm{~g}-14 \varnothing-12 \mathrm{~h}$ | FK4 |
| 13 | 17 | 2.18 g | CSC17ANS |
| 14 | 17 | 2.15 g | CSC17BN |


| No. | CSC | Metrological Data |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | ACV | wt.-diam.-die axis |

Avg. $=13.23 \div 5=2.65 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Avg. $=44+3=14.6666666 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Avg. $=2 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation

| $1 / 2$ | Chalcus |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 15 | 17 | 1.85 g |
|  |  | CSC17BN |
| WiM |  |  |

Avg. $=1.85 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=77.13 \div 15=5.14 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=148 \div 7=21.14 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
Tot.Avg. $=4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ die axis orientation


Ch. 5.1, Eagle standing r.

Table 5.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Abdissares coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | ※ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Eagle Standing Right | 15 | 5.14 g |
| Total | 15 |  |

Table 5.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Abdissares coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Eagle Standing Right | 7 | 21.14 mm |
| Total | 7 |  |

Table 5.3 Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Abdissares coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Eagle Standing Right | 4 | $4 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 4 |  |



Chart 5.2, Average weights of Abdissares copper coins (grams)
(Cont. from p. 82)
Morphilig (ca. 190 B.C.)


Chart 8.2. Average weights of Morphilig copper coins (grams)

## METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE

Zariadres (ca. 190 B.C.)


Ch. 6.1, Deity (Anaitis?) standing

Table 6.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Zariadres coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Deity (Anaitis?) Standing | 1 | 5.42 g |
| Total | 1 |  |

Table 6.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Zariadres coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | A Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deity (Anaitis?) Standing | 1 | 17 mm |
| Total | 1 |  |

Chart 6.2, Average weights of Zariadres copper coins (grams)

## METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE

Arkathius (early 2nd Century B.C.)

No. CSC | Metrological Data |
| :--- |
|  |
| ACV |
| wt.-diam.-die axis |

No. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { CSC } & \text { Metrological Data } & \text { Source } \\ & \text { ACV } & \text { wt.-diam.-die axis }\end{array}$
Arkathius (early 2nd Century B.C.)
Bearded Bust Left
Nike Standing Right
1 Chalcus

| 1 | --- | $3.09 \mathrm{~g}-15 \emptyset$ | CNG 51-751 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1 | 10 v | $2.33 \mathrm{~g}-14 \emptyset$ | NJ445 |

Tot.Avg. $=2.33 \mathrm{~g}$ weight
Tot.Avg. $=29 \div 2=14.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ diameter
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Ch. 7.1, King's bust 1 . / Nike standing r.

Table 7.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Arsames I coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Nike Standing r. | 2 | 2.33 g |
| Total | 2 |  |

Table 7.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Arsames I coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Nike Standing r. | 2 | 14.5 mm |
| Total | 2 |  |



Chart 7.2, Average weights of Arkathius copper coins (grams)

# METROLOGY OF COPPER COINAGE OF THE ARMENIAN KINGDOM OF SOPHENE 

## Morphilig (ca. 190 B.C.)



Table 8.1, Number of coins used to calculate the average weights of Morphilig coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Weight |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Deity (Anaitis?) Standing | 1 | 2.89 g |
| Total | 1 |  |

Table 8.2 Number of coins used to calculate the average diameters of Morphilig coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Coin Diameter |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Deity (Anaitis?) Standing | 1 | 16 mm |
| Total | 1 |  |

Table 8.3. Number of coins used to calculate the average die axis orient. of Morphilig coppers

| Coin Rev. Design | Number of coins | Æ Die Axis Orientation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Deity (Anaitis?) Standing | 1 | $1 / 12 \mathrm{~h}$ |
| Total | 1 |  |

(Cont. on p. 79)

# AMERICA MEETS ARMENIA: US MARINE CORPS CHALLENGE COINS FROM YEREVAN 

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(Plate 5)

President George H. W. Bush extended American recognition to the Republic of Armenia on December 25, 1991, and soon thereafter an American diplomatic legation was established in Yerevan. Over the past twenty years, the two countries have established strong bilateral relations. The United States has initiated a wide-ranging array of humanitarian, social, and economic assistance projects in Armenia. The cordial relations between Armenia and America are reflected in two attractive "challenge coins" that are presented in this article.

Challenge coins are actually medals that are closely associated with American military tradition. ${ }^{1}$ The custom of making and using these medals may have begun as early as World War I, but it did not become widespread until after the Vietnam War. They are issued by military units and more recently have been adopted by non-military organizations (such as local police and fire departments), by the military forces of Canada and other western countries, and even private corporations. ${ }^{2}$

Thousands of different challenge coins have been produced for units of the United States Armed Forces. Typically, they carry the insignia or emblem of the issuing service or unit. They exist in an endless variety of designs and types, sizes, shapes, metallic compositions, and finishes. To enhance their eye-appeal, many of these pieces are attractively enameled in multiple colors. The principal purpose of a challenge coin is to foster espirit-de-corps, which is essential for military organizations.

Two basic categories, pocket pieces and presentation pieces, are commonly encountered. Pocket pieces (typically measuring about 38 mm in diameter and 2.5 mm thick) are used to identify members of a given unit, and must be carried by each individual member of that unit at all times. If "challenged," a soldier is required to retrieve and display his personal medal within a few seconds (hence the name). Presentation or award medals are often somewhat larger (typically about 45 mm in diameter and 3 mm thick) and are intended as rewards to recognize extraordinary or meritorious service. ${ }^{3}$

Two rare and extremely attractive challenge coins from Armenia, presented here, should be of interest to our readers. Both were issued by the United States Marine Corps Security Guard Detachment headquartered at the American Embassy in Yerevan:

## 1. Brass Medal

Obverse: Insignia of the United States Marine Corps superimposed on the crossed flags of the United States of America and the Marines (the American flag is enameled in red, white, and blue,

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and the Marine flag in red); superimposed on these is a ribbon reading COUNTRY / SEMPER FIDELIS / CORPS. (Semper fidelis is Latin for "always faithful," the motto of the Marines. Clockwise legend along the edge: US MARINES OVER TWO CENTURIES OF, counterclockwise continuation DEDICATED WORLDWIDE SERVICE.
Reverse: Coat of Arms of the Republic of Armenia, new design by Hrachya Aslanyan, with the central shield enameled in blue, red and white colors. Clockwise legend along the edge MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT; counterclockwise YEREVAN, ARMENIA.

Fabric and provenance: Diameter stated to be 1.6 inches ( 40.6 mm ), weight not given, solid brass with antique finish and enamel coloring applied to each side. A single example became available in 2006, present whereabouts unknown. ${ }^{4}$

## 2. Black Enameled Medal

Obverse: Various symbols of the United States Marines (head of a spade, soldier bayoneting an enemy, insignia, crossed weapons, and fist) scattered on a black enameled field, with legend DET YEREVAN MARINE SECURITY GUARD within; legend along the edge reading clockwise: No Better Friend United States Marine Corps, and counterclockwise: No Worse Enemy.

Reverse: Coat of arms of the Republic of Armenia (new design) on a black enameled field, with red-orange, blue, and yellow enameled shield elements. English and Armenian legends in the field adjacent to the seal, separated by three five-pointed stars. Twin peaks of Mt. Ararat at the top. The English and Armenian legends are borrowed from the Armenian national anthem "Mer Hairenik," separated by stars, reading clockwise: Our Fatherland $U \hbar_{\eta} \sum_{m j p t G h f}$ and
 legend along the edge AMERICAN YEREVAN EMBASSY and counterclockwise (at bottom) ARMENIA.

Fabric and provenance: Diameter 51.1 mm , thickness at edge 3.6 mm , weight 60.53 grams, polished white metal with black enameled fields. Reverse is also enameled in orange-red, blue, and yellow. A single example became available in 2011 and was purchased for the author's collection. The seller indicated that this medal was issued to present to "best friends" of the American Embassy. ${ }^{5}$

The medals are not dated, nor do we have any definite information about mintage quantity, designers or manufacturers. ${ }^{6}$ It can be presumed that the medals were struck to order in the USA sometime after the Marine Detachment in Armenia was activated on August 6, 2001. ${ }^{7}$ Designs may have been submitted by members of the Detachment. Since this unit is small, consisting (in 2002) of a commander and just five guards, mintages for both medals are thought to be extremely limited.

The presence of lyrics from the Armenian national anthem on an American medal speaks eloquently to the shared ideals and aspirations of our two nations. Likewise, the beautifully-

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## 1. Brass USMC Medal from Yerevan (diameter $\mathbf{4 0 . 6} \mathbf{~ m m}$ )


2. Black Enameled USMC Medal from Yerevan (diameter 51.1 mm )

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rendered depiction of the modern coat-of-arms of Armenia on both medals is a noteworthy validation of Armenian statehood, and a testimony to the friendship between the United States and Armenia. Such a tribute to Armenia appears to be unprecedented in official American medallic art.

The American Embassy in Yerevan was established in 1992, shortly after the United States recognized Armenia as an independent state in 1991. The present embassy complex, built in 2002-2004, is situated on a large plot of land a few kilometers west of the center of Yerevan, adjacent to the highway that links the city with the Zvartnots airport. ${ }^{8}$ The four-story, 11,000 square-meter $(118,400$ square-foot) building is one of the largest United States embassy facilities in the world. It supports an extensive array of development and humanitarian projects within Armenia. ${ }^{9}$ Eight distinct agencies operate programs within Armenia, including the State Department (Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Export Control and Border Security Program, Office of Overseas Building Operations); US Agency for International Development (Private Sector program, Water Management program, Energy Sector program, Democracy program, Social Transition program, Earthquake Zone Recovery program, and others); Department of Agriculture; Department of Defense; Peace Corps; Department of the Treasury; Department of Commerce; and the US Marine Corps. It is worth noting that the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations, which directs worldwide overseas building programs for the US Government and the Department of State, is actually headquartered at the embassy in Yerevan.

In Armenia, the Marine Corps is represented by a designated Security Guard Detachment, activated (as noted above) on August 6, 2001. Its function is to "provide security services to prevent the compromise of classified material and equipment and to provide protection for United States citizens and United States Government property"10 in Armenia. In addition to their assigned duties, the six-member unit has also been involved in charitable and social programs for the local population, including Toys for Tots, visits to local orphanages, Marine Corps birthday celebrations, and Independence Day celebrations.

American involvement in Armenia spans three centuries. In the nineteenth century, the American Red Cross offered humanitarian relief to the Armenians after the brutal massacres of 1894-96. ${ }^{11}$ In the twentieth century, during the aftermath of the 1915 genocide, the American Near East Relief rescued thousands of Armenian survivors and orphans. ${ }^{12}$ After the 1989 Spitak earthquake, American aid helped to rebuild the stricken region. In the twenty-first century, the embassy opened a new chapter in American-Armenian relations with a broad series of programs. This welcome and mutually beneficial development, with the encouragement and support of the Armenian community in the USA, is strengthening ties between our two countries. These medals are tangible reminders of the friendly relations which exist between Armenia and the United States.

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seated. 1. in mournful attitude. Bed 90, RIC 505, AR 3.26g-$17 \mathrm{~mm}-6 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. $5833, \mathrm{VF}$\$250

## CILICIAN ARMENIAN COINS

## Baron Roupen I (1080-1095)

28. Copper. Obv.: Cross, clockwise inscription. Rev.:
Cross, clockwise inscription. ACV245, CCA 1a, AE $1.68 \mathrm{~g}-$
20 mm . Red tinted earthen patina. Inv. 5880 , VF ....... $\$ 450$

## Levon I (1198-1219), silver coins

29. Tram. Obv.: King seated on a throne ornamented with two lions, wearing a crown and royal mantle on his shoulders. Rev.: A long cross between two lions rampant regardant. ACV 289, CCA $289 \mathrm{v}, 2.94 \mathrm{~g}-21.5 \mathrm{~mm}-2 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5914 , nicely toned. VF + $\$ 75$
30. --. ACV 291 v, CCA $390,2.73 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5915 ,-VF $\$ 50$
31. --. ACV291V, CCA616v, $2.88 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm},-10 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5824 , F+ $\$ 35$

## Copper coins

32. Tank. Obv.: Bearded leonine head facing, wearing crown ornamented with jewels. Rev.: Patriarchal cross with two stars, ACV304V, CCA720, $7.24 \mathrm{~g}-29 \mathrm{~mm}-2 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5839 , nice black patina, VF+ .................................. $\$ 100$ 33. --. ACV 308 v, CCA $730 \mathrm{v}, 7.30 \mathrm{~g}-28 \mathrm{~mm}-1 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5884 ,
VF+ ..... $\$ 115$34. - . ACV301,CCA731,6.22g-29m-6h,Inv.5841,VF+ \$100
33. $-\quad$ ACV303V,CCA744, $\quad 6.92 \mathrm{~g}-28 \mathrm{~mm}-9 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5842 ,$\mathrm{VF}+/ \mathrm{VF}$$\$ 100$
34. --. ACV308,CCA767,6.89g-29m-8h,Inv.5843,VF+ ..... \$125

## Hetoum I (1226-1270), silver coins

37. Hetoum-Zabel Tram. Obv.: Queen Zabel standing on 1. facing and King Hetoum standing on r. facing. Both figures are crowned and wearing royal vestments and holding a long cross. Rev.: Lion to r., crowned and holding a cross with 1 .
paw. ACV334/5v, CCA925v, $2.71 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~mm}-11 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5942, very attractive and well centered on both sides. EF .... $\$ 250$ 38. --. ACV334/5v, CCA933v, $2.79 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~mm}-1 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5916 ,

38. --. Lion walking r., with 1 . paw uplifted. Cross behind lion. ACV337v,CCA993, 2.50 g -22mm-5h, Inv.5917, F+ \$25 40. - ACV $339 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{CCA} 1024 \mathrm{sim}, 2.95 \mathrm{~g}-19 \mathrm{~mm}-6 \mathrm{~h}$, flat area, Inv.5863, VF ....................................................... \$30 41. --. ACV339v, CCA1032, $2.95 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5903 , VF $+\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$
39. -. ACV339v, CCA1083, $2.91 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-4 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5861, about EF ........................................................ $\$ 175$
40. -.ACV341V, CCA1166, $3.02 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-10 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5862 , apparently it was pierced but someone has filled the hole

Half Tram
41. -. Obv. Similar to the above, dot on cross. Lion walking r., with 1. paw uplifted. Cross behind lion. ACV347v, CCA1286, $1.52 \mathrm{~g}-15 \mathrm{~mm}-8 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5939, VF+ $\$ 350$
Copper coins
42. Tank. Obv.: King seated on throne adorned with lions.

He holds Globus cruciger in 1. hand and fleur-de-lys on his r. shoulder. Rev.: Potent cross with four lines in four quadrants, ACV351V, CCA1296, $7.52 \mathrm{~g}-29 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. $5845, \mathrm{VF} / \mathrm{VF}+\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ \$ 95 ~$ 46. -- ACV352V, CCA1299, $6.97 \mathrm{~g}-29 \mathrm{~mm}-9 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5864 , -VF/-F \$35
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48. -- ACV354, CCA1352, 7.49g-30mm-9h, Inv.5848, red tinted earthen patina, VF ................................... \$40
49. - ACV355,CCA $1360,6.59 \mathrm{~g}-29 \mathrm{~mm}-11 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5849, VF $\$ 90$
50. Kardez King seated. ACV364V, CCA1406, 3.25g-
 51. -.ACV364v,CCA1416,5.21g-24mm-8h,Inv.5865,VF\$40 52. -. ACV364v, CCA $1419 \mathrm{v}, 4.15 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5826, F/F + $\$ 33$

## Levon II (1270-1289), Silver coins

53. Tram. Obv.: King on horseback to r., holding fleur-delys over his r. shoulder. Rev.: Crowned lion walking 1. with 1. paw raised. Behind him is a cross with two bars. ACV369v, CCA1443, $2.52 \mathrm{~g}-23 \mathrm{~mm}-5 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5960, nicely toned. VF
. $\$ 150$
Half Tram struck with tram die
54. -. Similar to the above tram but struck with tram die. ACV381, CCA1528, 1.27g-16mm-3h, Inv.5950, -VF \$225 55. Kardez. Lion to 1 . Rev.: Cross with stars in four corners. ACV387, CCA1551, $3.82 \mathrm{~g}-24 \mathrm{~mm}-1 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5908 , -VF $\$ 60$ 56. --. ACV $387 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{CCA} 1552 \mathrm{v}, 4.79 \mathrm{~g}-26 \mathrm{~m}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5827.F $\$ 25$ 57.-ACV $388 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{CCA} 1574 \mathrm{v}, 3.26 \mathrm{~g}-23 \mathrm{~m}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. $5828,-\mathrm{VF} \$ 30$

## Hetoum II (1289-1305), silver coins

58. Billon. King's head facing. Rev.: Latin cross, ACV394, CCA1580, $0.58 \mathrm{~g}-16 \mathrm{~mm}-7 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. $5929, \mathrm{VF}+$ $\$ 115$
Copper coins
59. Kardez, Crowned head of king facing. Rev. Long cross with two bars. ACV398v, CCA1592sim, $3.05 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-8 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5866, -VF
60. -- ACV $398 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{CCA} 1593,3.32 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~m}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. $5853-\mathrm{VF} \$ 35$ 61. --. ACV398v,CCA1597,3.57g-24m-2h, Inv. 5854 VF $\$ 45$ 62. King seated in oriental fashion on a bench-like throne. Left hand holding a cross and r . hand holding mace or fleur-de-lys extending over his r. sholder. Rev.: Cross. ACV401v, CCA1625, $3.11 \mathrm{~g}-22 \mathrm{~mm}-6 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5867 , VF ................ $\$ 20$ 63. -ACV $400 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{CCA} 1635,3.57 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~m}-6 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5855 , VF $\$ 35$ 64. -. ACV402v, CCA1653V, $2.78 \mathrm{~g}-20 \mathrm{~mm}-10 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5856 , -VF. \$28

## Smpad (1296-1298), copper coins

65. Pogh. King on horseback riding r. He holds reins with 1. hand and a mace with his $r$., extending over his $r$. shoulder. Rev.: Cross with four doves in flight in four quadrants. ACV 412 v, CCA $1678 \mathrm{~V}, 1.53 \mathrm{~g}-19 \mathrm{~mm}-9 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5868 , VF/F $\$ 30$ 66. -.ACV413,CCA1682,1.98g-19m-4h,Inv.5869 -VF $\$ 40$

Levon IV (1320-1342), silver coins
67. Takvorin. King on horseback riding r. He holds reins with 1 . hand and a mace with his $r$., extending over his $r$. shoulder. $\mathrm{f} / \mathrm{m}$ in 1 . field. Rev.: Lion walking r . and facing r . Behind him is a cross with one arm. Ex-Slocum coll., ACV 452v, CCA1955, 2.37g-22mm-3h, Inv.5909, -VF...... \$56 68. --. ACV452v, CCA1971,1.79g-20mm -1h, Inv.5871F\$50 69. --. ACV453s, CCA1971s, $2.45 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Ex-Slocum collection, Inv.5829, F+ $\$ 38$
70. --ACV453v,CCA1973v, $1.94 \mathrm{~g}-21 \mathrm{~m}-8 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv.5830-F $\$ 40$ Poghs
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78. Poghs. 3 coins. Avg. grade VG to VG $+\quad \$ 50$

Gosdanin III (1344-1363), silver coin
79. Takvorin. King on horseback riding r. He holds reins with 1 . hand and a fleur-de-lys with his r., extending over his r. shoulder. Rev.: Lion walking r. and facing r. Behind him is a cross with one arm. ACV 472V, HAR 4A SNS I p. 167, AR $1.85 \mathrm{~g}-19 \mathrm{~mm}-1 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5873 , VF $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . .$.
Levon the Usurper (1363-1365), silver coin
80. Takvorin. King on horseback riding r. He holds reins with 1 . hand and a fleur-de-lys with his r., extending over his r. shoulder. Field marks above and below horse. Rev.: Lion walking r. and facing r. Behind him is a cross with one arm. Ex-Slocum collection, ACV 481v, CCA 2141, AR $1.84 \mathrm{~g}-$ $20 \mathrm{~mm}-3 \mathrm{~h}$, Inv. 5919, F+

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103. Charents, 100 dram, UNC

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104. 10,20 , or 50 luma, UNC, each piece
105. $1,3,5$, or 10 dram, UNC, each piece

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107. 100 dram, Ser. शU. or 7.f, UNC
108. 200 dram, Ser. bU, UNC
109. 500 dram, Ser. 2u. or 2. $\uparrow$, UNC \$15
110. 1000 dram, Ser. $ß \mathbf{I}$ U, UNC \$20
111. 5000 dram, Ser. bu, UNC

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ G. F. Hill, Historical Greek Coins (Chicago: Argonaut Inc., Publishers, 1966), first published in 1906.
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    ${ }^{5}$ These details are offered by Sayles on p. 80.

[^1]:    ${ }^{6}$ Sayles, p. 162, no. 181. The illustrated coin is described as a lead strike based on Becker's forgery. Unfortunately, due to darkness, details in the photograph are somewhat obscured.
    ${ }^{7}$ Sayles, p. 171, no. 233. The illustrated coin is described as a pewter cast. Some details are obscured due to the darkness of the photo. Rosa also made oversize (ca. 28 mm ) reproductions of the same type.

[^2]:    ${ }^{8}$ According to Hill (Historical Roman Coins, p. 132), the British Museum specimen weighs 3.58 g .
    ${ }^{9}$ Sayles, pp. 80-81. I disagree with Sayles on this matter.

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[^10]:    ${ }^{22}$ Münzen \& Medaillen GmbH, Auktion 17 (Weil am Rhein, Germany, 4 October 2005).
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[^11]:    ${ }^{24}$ François de Callatay̆, "Abdissarès l'Adiabénien," Iraq, Vol. LVIII (1998), pp. 135-145, discusses certain varieties of Abdissares coins with "A$\triangle$ AIABHNOY" inscription, that is, "Abdissares of Adiabene."
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[^12]:    ${ }^{26}$ In numismatic auction catalogues two coins surfaced which are catalogued in our corpus. One of these, 31.a, is catalogued by the CNG (Auction 51, 15 September 1999). Tentatively, it is attributed to an unrecorded king of Sophene named Arkathi(?). According to the CNG cataloguer, "The attribution is based on the close similarity to the above cited [Bedoukian, ANSMN 28, 15] coin of the Sophene king Xerxes, who ruled circa 220 B.C."

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    In 94 B.C., Tigranes II the Great dethroned Artanes, liberated Sophene, and reunited to Armenia Major.
    ${ }^{27}$ The second coin in this group, 31.b, is catalogued by the Busso Peus Nach. (Auktion 340, 2 November 1994, Nicholas Jamgochian Collection), is assigned to Xerxes, as an unpublished variant.

[^13]:    ${ }^{28}$ The 1983 statistics are based on Paul Z. Bedoukian, CSC.

[^14]:    ${ }^{29}$ It is very interesting to note that two auction houses, independent of each other, have assigned this type of coin to the kingdom of Sophene.
    ${ }^{30}$ Nercessian, YN Cat., No. 1.
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[^15]:    ${ }^{1}$ See the article on "Challenge Coins" in the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Challenge coin, accessed Feb. 18, 2011.
    ${ }^{2}$ See Christian Davenport, "Military's prized 'challenge coins' become copycat fad among agencies, politicians, companies," dated Feb.22, 2011, from the Washington Post, which discusses challenge coins issued by private corporations. http://www,washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2011/02/21/AR2011022104708.html, accessed Feb. 27, 2011.
    ${ }^{3}$ Approximate dimensions for the two categories of challenge coins are given in the Wikipedia article.

[^16]:    ${ }^{4}$ Images of this medal were taken from eBay and are stored in the www.zeno.ru numismatic archive, item number 36830 .
    ${ }_{6}$ Information about this medal is also preserved at www.zeno.ru, item 96329.
    ${ }^{6}$ Many modern challenge coins have been struck by the Northwest Territorial Mint, located in Federal $\mathrm{Way}_{f}$ WA.

    Partners for the Future: U.S. Assistance in Armenia (United States Department of State, 2002), p. 44.

[^17]:    ${ }^{8}$ Partners for the Future, pp. 16-17, shows an artist's sketch of the new embassy building, layout of the grounds, and scenes from the site preparation prior to construction.

    Summary descriptions of nearly fifty different United States aid projects undertaken in Armenia during the past two decades are presented in Partners for the Future, p. 4-8. Additional details of these projects appear on pp. 10-44 of the same book.
    ${ }^{10}$ Partners for the Future, pp. 8, 44.
    ${ }^{11}$ Clara Barton, The Red Cross (Washington, D.C.: American National Red Cross, 1898), pp. 275-358.
    ${ }^{12}$ James L. Barton, The Story of Near East Relief 1915-1930: An Interpretation (New York: MacMillan, 1930).

